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Coal crisis talks today after walkout by 25,000 in Wales

abinet ministers will meet the coal ard and the mining unions this ening in crisis talks aimed at erting a national coal strike over t closures. The talks were brought. rward by several days as the pre- voices to a strike call.

sent unofficial strike by 25,000 Welsh miners began to spread. A national strike by water workers appeared more likely when 4,500 London employees added their

Board orders another closure

he Government bowed to sure from the striking ers last night and brought tard by several days crisis s with the mining unions the National Coal Board. y will be held this evening the Department of Energy. 'r Bavid Howell, Secretary state for Energy, will lead abinet-level team of minisin what was described in Commons as a "listening " session designed to avert rippling strike in the coal-ing industry. It will be a iminary to further talks on tomic measures to ease ugh the coal board's pit ure proposals.

he meeting was called after tic telephone contacts be-in leaders of the National on of Mineworkers and the eroment which could lay ground for a compromise before tomorrow's emer-y gathering of the NUM mal executive. The execu-is almost certain to hold cret pithead ballot of the and recommend a national e to them.

motiations with Mr Howell not due to begin until Monday, but the unofficial e by 25,000 Welsh miners is beginning to spread to militant coalfields eviconvinced the Govern--t that early peace moves

my miners joined the strike rday well in advance of relanned strike date of Monday and, after coal talks with local union "s in Scotland and York-today on about half-aplanned pir closures, the

sters stick at that point; a recommendation for a strike is almost certain to emerge from tomorrow's union execu-

As the top-level contacts gathered pace yesterday, with meetings between Mr Joseph Gornley, the miners' president, Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, and Mr Michael Foot, the Labour Marty leader, the slide toward in anional pit strike contrates in the coal-

fields.
Delegates representing 12,500 miners in north Derbyshire. voted yesterday to bring the coalfield, which is not involved in the present pit closure pro-gramme, out on strike from next Monday. That would bring the area into line with Scots miners who are also plan-

ning to strike from that date.
The coal board continued its closure orders yesterday with Hucknall colliery in south Nottinghamshire must close with the loss of more than 600 jobs. two other mines, Hucknall and Babington, must merge.

Area miners' leaders will

meet on Saturday, and the signs are that the men in the coalfield will be asked to abandon their traditionally moderplanned pit closures, the site attitude and rote for a strike. Mr Ray Chadburn, area NUM president, said:
"We have not ruled out the possibility of strike action."

are expected to go no further if the projected strike goes than hint strongly at improved ahead, the usual militant links redundancy pay, better early with the train drivers will be retirement schemes, and en ready. The executive of the hanced government grants to discovere to switch the oil and matters to switch the oil and the oil a hanced government grants to Associated Society of Locoindustry to switch from oil and other fuels to coal-burning (Aslef) last night expressed industrial equipment.

A limited offer on those lines in their solidarity with the miners will not satisfy NUM leaders, ures and said they would consider any request for assistant in Cabinet attitudes towards operating subsidies for union.

Sters stick at that point a base or reminded of society

policy of not crossing official picket lines, and are instructed to act accordingly, the executive resolution read Mr Ray. Buckton, Aslet general secre-tary has been instructed to arrange organt talks to coordinate supporting action by all the transport unions.

The initial strike moves were confined to well known militant areas, but Mr Peter Heathfield, Derbyshire area secretary of the NUM, said last night: "I am afraid strike action is going to snowball all over the country. While our pits in Derbyshire are marginally profitable at present we could be in a posi-tion of having to face the possibility of closures eventually. In this situation we must all stick together."

Three main demands: Me Gormley said yesterday that he would make three main demands of the Government to avert a nationwide pit strike Energy correspondent writes).

They were to restrain coal imports; to remove the financial constraints placed on the coal board by the Coal Act, 1980; and to give the industry the same levels of subsidy as those obtaining for its competitors in

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A giant panda, trapped in a bamboo forest in south-western China, being transferred to a wire cage by its eaptors for transportation to a zoo, where it is hoped it will breed.

'Times' main board named

-Two new independent natton and Sir Edward Pickering, were appointed yesterday to the board of Times Newspapers Holdings at its first meeting since the acquisition of the company by Mr Rupert Mur-doch. Sir Denis continues as chairman in order to maintain continuity, and Mr Murdoch will be vice-chairman.

Mr Louis Heren, Deputy Editor of The Times, and Mr Peter Roberts, Managing Editor of The Sunday Times, have been appointed journalist directors and Lord Drogheda and Lord Astor of Hever will also join the board, together with Lord Catto, chairman of Mor-Lord Catto, chairman of Morgan Grenfell, and Mr Richard Searby, QC, who has an extensive legal practice in Melbourne and is on the board of The News Corporation, of Adelaide, the ultimate parent

Lord Keith of Castleacre, Mr James Evans, Mr T. D. P. Emblem, and Mr M. J. Hussey Mr Hussey will continue his service to Times Newspapers Ltd as a special consultant.

Sir Denis said he had, last Friday, resigned from the post of Editor-in-Chief of Times Newspapers Holdings, which he had held since the merger in 1967 of The Times's interests with those of The Sunday Times. He had previously been Editor of the Sunday Times and now, for the first time since 1946, he had no executive or editorial responsibilities with the company.

He had become one of the wo new independent national directors with perticular back-ground in journalism. He has informed the board that he would prefer to waive any fees; he would be remaining on the board of Thomson British Holdings. Sir Denis added: "Until a

few days ago I had intended to make a clean break with Gray's ing Road, but I have been persuaded that I could be of help to old and new colleagues to bridge a transitional period.

"The operational thrust of Times Newspapers will be in the bands of Mr Murdoch and his fellow executives on the board of Times Newspapers Limited That this is so does not detract from the guaran-tees, of editorial independence now entrenched in the articles. "The role of the Holdings board will be very much on the supervisory board pattern of Continued on page 2, col 5

Directors for The Pope warns Marcos regime not to suppress human rights Church could not tolerate any by the Church, that social

From Peter Hazelhurst The political conflict between church and state in the Philipwhen the Pope warned President Marcos, a devout Catholic that Rome would not accept the subjugation of human rights to saleguard

national security.

But the Pope, who arrived in Manila this morning to begin s six-day visit to Asia's largest Christian community, also told the priesthood not to meddle in politics. Earlier roday millions of Filipinos, waving flags and placards, lined the streets of Manila to get a glimpse of the Pope as he was carried on top of a mobile platform of flowers from the airport to the heart of

the capital. After celebrating Mass at Manila Cathedral and address-ing the clergy including visiting

arguments used to justify the violation of human dignity. Referring to the decision to lift martial law last month, the Pope said: "Recent initiatives that are worthy of praise augur well for the future. Later at Malacanang Palace,

the Pope said that under no circumstances could the Roman Catholic Church justify the suppression of human rights.
"Even in exceptional situa-

tions that at times arise, one can never justify any violation of the fundamental principle, dignity of the human person or of the basic rights that safeguard this dignity.

"Legisimate contern for the security of a nation, as demanded by the common good, could lead to the temptation of subjugating to the state the human being and his or her dignity and rights.

"Any apparent conflict between the exigencies of secu-

organization exists only for the service of man and for the protection of his diguity, and that it cannot claim to serve the common good when human rights are not safe-guarded." However, earlier today the Pope warned many of Presi-

dent Marcos's critics in the priesthood to desist from med-dling in politics. "You are priests and religious: You are not social or political leaders or officials of a temporal power. Let us not be under the illusion we are serving the Gospel if we dilute our

ated interest in the wide field of temporal problems," he said. Touching on the delicate issues of abortion and birth control in a Catholic country which is attempting to implement an officially sponsored family planning programme, the Pope continued to champ-ion the traditional Vatican

charisma through an exagger

support for the right to life.

The 'gang of three? cannot come to dinner

By Fred Emery Political Editor

In a snub to show that he In a snub to show that he feels that the "gang of three "has put itself outside the Labour Party, Mr Michael Foothas cancelled invitations to Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr William Rodgers and Dr David Owen to strend a dinner to-morrow honouring Mr James Callaghau, the former Prime Minister.

The Leader of the Opposition who has had long conversations with Labour's leading dissidents in a vain attempt to persuade them to fight their cause within the party, wrote each of them a private letter explaining why be thought they should not now.

attend.

It is understood that Mr.
Rodgers and Dr. Owen are distressed at Mr. Foot's action,
and at the manner in which
they were "dislavited". Their
£20 cheques for the dinner, and presentation, at Locketts restaurant were simply returned to

Mrs Williams, who had not received her letter yesterday, at first said that she sull-intended to join in the tribute to the Prime Minister she had served. But last night it seemed clear that none of them intended challenging Mr Foot's

withdrawal of their welcome. The dioner was first suggested when Mr Collaghan handed over to Mr Foot last November, and was subsequently arranged as a personal and private tribute.

Mr Roy Jenkins, who was a member of the first Collabban

member of the first Gallaghan Cabinet, was never invited. The affair had been delayed, partly by Mr and Mrs Callaghan's absence in Australia for the past five weeks. In that time the Labour Party has been

in upheaval.

The Wembiey special conference was followed by the launching of the Council for Social Democracy by the Labour dissidents as the clearly intended precursor to a break

away party.
Mrs Williams has resigned from Labour's National Executive Committee; Dr Owen has announced that he will not stand again as a Labour candi-date; and Mr Rodgers has resigned from the Shadow

Mr Foot, as the host, clearly believes that the dinner is a purely Labour Party function, and that their presence would detract from the occasion.

The intense embarrassment

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ondon water workers join strike call after rejecting 10% offer

r Reporter eral thousand more water seweruge workers jeined ; call for a national strike Jaion delegates from the n region, who represent members north of the and in East Anglia, by 50 to 14 to reject the and call for strike action. have been similar votes North-east, South Walcs South-west, which that 9,000 water korkers ndicated their willinguess

union has about 20,000 ers in the industry and es at meetings over the ew days are reflected at regional conferences week. England and

national strike ".

That view was echoed by Mr. Edmund Newall, the union's 1 of the industry's dominunion urged the union industry, who said that calls
wire to give seven days for strike action by all 20,000
tof a strike if the employefuse to improve their
10 per cent pay offer.
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12 and Municipal West employers.

A decision on a strike will not be taken before the trade union side of the industry's national joint council meets next Wednesday and although Mr David Basnett, general sec-retary of the GMWU, has been authorized to approve industrial action if necessary, an emergency meeting of the union executive would probably have to be held before a final deci-

sion is made. The other main union in the industry, the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe), is also consulting its 10,000 memrould face the first bers, and is expected to return water strike by all an overall vote for rejection water and sewerage and a call for strike action. Mr Holland said after the William Holland, London meeting in London that dele-al organizer for the gates felt the Government-was

meeting; "It does seem to me Coancil's negotiating position, that we are moving toward a They decided that only an offer of more than 15 per cent would be enough to call off a strike.

He said that, if the strike started, the effect would be quickly felt in the London area, and taps would soon start to sewage into rivers could also be a serious matter.

Responsibility for any health risk would rest with the employers and the Government who should make an offer that would preclude strike action.

Call for 16 per cent: In the North-east, which is already affected by an unofficial over-time ban by 150 water workers, Nupe leaders representing about 500 water workers yesoffer and called for a national strike from tomorrow week unless the offer is increased to 16 per cent (John Witherow writes from Durham).

Mr Raymond Gray, chairman of the area water committee, said: "We are tired of being underpaid. We have reache the stage where we are going to look after ourselves rather than other people."

bishops from other Asian "Any apparent conflict be-nations—the Pope spoke in tween the exigencies of secu-defence of human rights. In a rity and of the citizen's basic public statement he told rights must be resolved accord-President Marcos that the ing to the fundamental upheld Amnesty accuses President of mass killing

By Caroline Moorehead General Romeo Lucas Garcia, persinally directed a systematic programme of murder and torture in which about 3,000 people died in the first 10 months of 1980, according to a report published by Amnesty International today. Hundreds of others are apparently still

missing.
The Guatemalan Government blames the deaths on individual groups going by the names of Escuadron de la Muerte (Death Squad) and Ejército Secreto Anticommunista (Secret Anti-Communist Army), operating outside its control. Amnesty International, how-

ever, says in its report that the

murders were carried out by the army and the police, and that no convincing evidence has yet, been, produced that these groups exist.

According to the report, the victims of the Government's murder campaign come from all sections of Guatemala's society—peasants, doctors, teachers, students, lawyers, and church workers who "tend to be selected from grassroots organiza-tions outside official control". They are all people seen by the Government as critics of official policy.

cent eyewitness accounts of the murder and torture carried out by the security forces. One of the witnesses is a man believed

The report also contains reduring his two years in the army he was allowed to kill

to be the only survivor of politi-"anyone who was a suspicious cal detention in Guatemala in 1980. His name is withheld because of the danger of reprisals. He told Amnesty that he had been tortured for 11 days at the Huchuetenango army base, and would certainly have been killed had he not managed to escape. During that period he

saw three people murdered by strangling and the torture of many others with electric shocks, beatings and by im-mersing the victim's head in quicklime. The other witness interviewed by Amnesty was a former army conscript sent out to take part in the killings who said that

character"; as well as people on target lists. Special identity cards were issued to the military units guaranteeing them a licence to kill.

In 1976, Amnesty Inter-national estimated that 20,000 people had been murdered or had "disappeared" in Guatemaia. It now believes that nearly 5,000 bave been seized and killed since General Lucas García became President in

Bodies continue to be found piled up in ravines, in mass graves, or by roadsides. Guaremala: A Government Pro-gramme of Political Murder. (Amnesty International, & South-

Councils win right of legal action on Heseltine cuts Six London boroughs won the to quash Mr Heseltine's decision

right yesterday to proceed with legal action against Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, over cuts in the Government's rate support

grant. Mr Justice Forbes, sitting in Hackney, Hounslow, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest councils leave to bring pro-

to reduce the Government's grant towards the rates. They contend it was unfair, unreasonable and illegal.

The councils contend Mr Heseltine's decision was invalid because he made it in September before the Local Government, Planning and Land Act, 1980, came into effect.

They also contend that he redings. failed to consider the case of The six boroughs are seeking each council individually.

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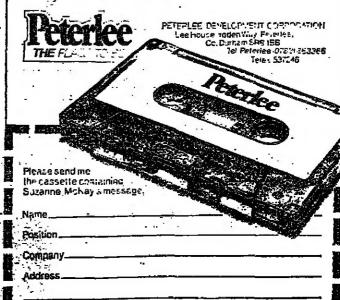
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incess is clear winner university chancellor

na Geddes

ion Correspondent cess Anne has been by a clear overall by Chancellor of London Elizabeth the Queen who held the largely mial post for 25 years her resignation last

of a remarkably high f 42,212 votes cast from the university's 83,000 tes. Princess Anne d 23,951; Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the ort and General Workers' 10.507; and Mr Nelson a, the imprisoned black Vrican nationalist leader, There were 555 spoilt

Princess, who is 30 and e her grandraother holds liversity degree, said ay she was delighted to the result and looked with pleasure to a association with the loss Anne obrained two

Is a: Eenenden School. ristory, grade D, and geowithin London University. hard Way, for example, head of London Trans-

ield no degree yet was

principal of King's College London until his retirement last

It is the first time since the post of Chancellor was insti-tuted in 1836 that the election has been contested. Other names were suggested as candi-dates, but those concerned declined to compete against a member of the Royal Family. Lord Annan, vice-chancellor

of the university, warmly wel-comed Princess Anne as the new chancellor. "The result does show where the heart of the university lies", he said. Mrs Irene Chaplin, a member of the standing committee of convocation, the body representing the university's graduates, who was among those who had nominated Mr Jones, said she did not think that the result represented a great victory for Princess Anne, when more than 40 per cent of the votes

had been cast against her. Miss Anna Clarke, president of the London University students' union, said that while she believed a majority of student opinion had been in favour of Mr Mandela she was sure that Emir qualifications are students would come to work sidered essential for high well with Princess Anne and that like her grandmother she would become part of the uni-

versity.

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Spanish police chiefs resign over cell death

The director-general of the Spanish police, five chiefs of departments dealing with state security and about 200 senior police officers throughout the country handed in their resignations as Parliament discussed the death of a suspected Basque terrorist while in custody. Senor Roson, the Minister of the Interior accepted the resigna-tions of the six leading officials; but insisted they should stay at their posts until replacements had been selected

Polish student threat

Poland faced a national student strike after a last-minute hitch in the talks between the Government and the striking students in Lodz. Dozens of universities are threatening to join the protest against the authorities' demand that an independent student union must acknowledge the leading role of the party

Firemen's pay clash

The stage is set for another pay collision between the Fire Brigades Union and councils next winter after employers declined to reconsider their decision to withdraw from the 1978 pay formula which linked firemen's pay with that of

US agrees Rapier deal worth £140m

In a deal worth £140m the United States Air Force has agreed to buy Britain's Rapier low-level anti-aircraft missile for its air bases in this country. Twenty-eight missile launchers and four trainers will enter service over the next four years. The missiles will be manned by an expanded RAF Regiment Page 4

England follow on-England were 65 for two, still 183 runs

behind after being forced to follow on in the first Test match against West Indies. Rain delayed the start of the second innings for two hours but England were quickly in trouble, losing Gooch and Rose

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By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

The stage was set yesterday for another pay collision between the Fire Brigades' Union and the local authorities next winter after employers declined to reconsider their decision to withdraw from the 1978 pay formula.

In talks, which ended yesterday, the employers stood by their decision to abandon the formula which since the end of the 1977-78 firemen's strike has linked firemen's earnings with those of skilled manual workers.

At the same time they made it clear to Fire Brigades' Union negotiators that they still wanted to reach an agreement enabling authorities who wish, to reduce maining in som areas, particularly at night.

In a statement yesterday the Association of County Councils, which with 13 members is the biggest group on the employers' side; said that the formula, which the firemen in December managed to preserve under threat of one-day strikes, "paid no heed to the overriding responsibility to provide an effec-tive service within increasingly limited resources".

Mr John Horrell, vice-chairman of the councils' association said the employers had made it clear last year that the formula could not be guaranteed for the 1981 negoriations. He added: "Now we have given warning well in advance of the pext pay round in November that the 1978 pay formula is dead".

Mr Horrell said: "Local gov-ernment can no longer afford to be bound by a rigid formula made under radically different economic conditions; and in future there must be open pay negotiations in the fire service".

Unofficial estimates are that the formula, under a series of calculations based on the New Earnings Survey, would this November imply increases of between 9 and 13 per cent. The local authorities present attitude suggests that they will attempt to limit increases to

Mr Kenneth Cameron, the recently appointed general secretary of the firemen's union, is certain to make contingency plans for industrial action. He said yesterday: "The mood of the meeting was

Early returns from voting in two big Civil Service unions on

calls for a campaign of indus-trial action against the Govern-

support for the union leader-

By David Felton

abour Reporter



Gang" at home: The headquarters of the Council for Social Democracy were officially opened yesterday at 29 Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, when the "gang of four" posed with piles of cheques and postal

orders from supporters, which has brought in about £35,000 and more than 22,000 letters. They are (from left to right): Mr Wilkiam Rodgers, Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr Roy Jenkins and Dr David Owen.

Drive to restore party unity

any group.

Political Reporter

by divisions inside the party, last night launched a counter-attack against infiltrators which they hope will restore unity and ensure that decisions at national and local level are taken demo-

Backed by the party leader-ship, more than 100 MPs signed a declaration at the meeting, which was also attended by Mr Denis Healey, deputy party leader, and a number of shadow ministers.

Mr. Roy Hattersley, home affairs spokesman, said after the meeting that there was a general feeling of outrage against defectors and unrepreentative factions. Mr Gerald Kaufman, environ-

ment spokesman, said feelings were strong against those about to leave the party, and against

which represents 105,000 higher

Last night voting at branch

The inions want an increase meetings of the CPSA was run. In the IPCS, whose members all 530,0 in the Government's 6 per cent ming at about 60 to 40 for are mainly professional staff, servants.

ment indicate that members are grade staff, were hoping for

less than wholebearted in their substantial votes in favour of

Political Reporter steering committee of the so-Labour backbenchers, sickened called Labour Solidarity Campaign plan to take it into the constituencies and the unious. It represents the full spectrum of the parliamentary party. The steering committee party. The steering committee is composed of members of the left-wing: Tribune, the centre-right Manifesto Groups, and those who do not belong to

> The declaration stated that the members were broadly representative of the party's mainstream majority. It added: "This majority must now vigorously assert itself and represent the parrow and intolerant verse the narrow and intolerant decisions and views which un-representative minorities have been allowed to impose upon us and now openly seek to carry further

> It said their actions had severely damaged the party's morale and its electoral chances.

as the union has several thousand members in those centres who tend to be more-militant, their votes could tip

such as engineers and scientists,

Returns show moderate vote for Civil Service campaign on wages

Services Association branches, including the Depart-

(CPSA), which is the largest ment of Health and Social union with 230,000 members, Security at Newcastle and the and the ldstitution of Profestical Civil Servants (IPCS), Swansea, are still to vote, and

We must speadily overcome the crisis of confidence within our ranks, a crisis of confidence which is apparent, too, among many of those who may not fully share our commitment but those whose support we necessarily seek at the polls"

the statement said.

The decision of the Wembley conference on the leadership election was described as a "self-inflicted wound" and "Solidarity" will campaign for it to be overturned.

Co-operative MPs warned: The National Executive Committee of the Co-operative Party issued.

of the Co-operative Party issued a statement warning its mem-bers, including its sponsored Labour MPs, that remaining in the Council for Social Democracy once it had become a separate political party would lead to automatic exclusion from the party (Our Political Editor writes).

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the country also appears in

favour of taking action.
Other unions, including the
Society of Civil and Public Ser-

vants, with 100,000 members, and the 60,000 strong Inland

Revenue Staff Federation have

given overwhelming support to the campaign of action planned

the balance. by the nine unions representing In the IPCS, whose members all 530,000 white-collar civil-

The centre in turmoil, 3: An ideal place for testing opinion on a new party

Social democrats make a mark in Labour oasis

they are a future party for the working class.
At the Woolston Social Club, in the heart of the constituency of Itchen, a Labour oasis in many miles of Conservarive sears, the social demo-crars have already made their Some, su

Mr James Plannery, aged 74, a Labour voter all his life, had decided he would back a new

a good, solid party we will get rid of Maggie."

Mr Flannery, a retired van delivery driver who sees the social democrats as Labour idealists standing for the good of the working people" echoes feelings current among many Labour voters in the constituency and in the rest of Tory-held Sourbampton across the river Itchen.

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A dock labourer, Mr Brian
Neil, aged 41, also reckons the
social democrats would be
"for the working class" and a
lorry driver. Mr Brian Short,
aged 24 ("they could be for
the working bloke") gives
them the benefit of the doubt.
Not all are as decided as Mr
Flannery. But most Labour
roters seem to be saving they
would certainly consider giving
a new party a chance.

The St,000 voters of chiefly
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By Frances Gibb means overwhelmingly Labour, last time with a 2.3 per cent voters in general agree that The social democrats may however. At the last election swing and a poll of just over what they would want from a mean cheese-and-wine parties Mr Richard Mitchell's majority 27,000 votes, against Labour's new party is stability, both in Camden Town to their fell from 7,795 to just over 25,000. The Liberals collected economically and politically, critics but to many a worker 1,600 ahead of the Tories, and just over 6,000.

Among both Labour and Many do not know what the new party will depend as much Tory voters the social demo-

Some, such as Mr K. R. Newton, aged 53, a plant operator, change have already made up their the tries minds: "My wife and I, have parties." mark among some of the regu-

> fulfil their election pledges voters comment rather bitterly and managed only to make that as they are obliged to things worse. Traine at 65 why should not With such a line balance be MPs.?

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> tween the old parties, the can Tory voters are worried stituedcy is ideal for testing about what they see as the opinion on a new one. The extreme right-ying attituedc of Liberals at the last election the Government and its effect polled some 6,000 votes and if on themploymens and in the social democrats harnessed distry the bulk of those with just Typical of diseachanted Tory one third from each of the voters who might which to a main parties; they could round new social democratic party is home.
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> Mr David Heary, aged 24, a

on Conservative voters.

Orats seem to have very much the same appeal. They are seen of their Government's policies; as anti-extremist, middle of the many of them, too, are willing road and liberal in their values to give a new party a crack of and with a fresh, and (more

Many Labour supporters now Mr James Flannery, aged 74, a Labour voter all his life, had decided, no doubt about it, to Many Labour supporters now decided he would back a new vote for a new social democrat see their party as too far to party of social democrats in another election.

"All the others are Markists more for the working class in communism.", Mr Ray Hosten House Labour crowd are breaking away. The sooner they go in with Steel and form a good, solid party we will get whom he voted, have failed to appeal as leader and many fulfil their election pledges voters comment rather bitterly

Jaguar men

cut walkout

1,000 white-collar

in jobs

From Clifford Webb

Nearly

social democrats stand for but are willing to back them, ofter for no other reason than tha

put by Mr David Cooke, ages 31, a seaman: "They canno do any worse than the other

important to Southampton two parties".

voters) younger outlook: a But despite those alread
change from what are seen as persuaded, the biggest grou persuaded, the biggest grou-of voters remains the "don' the tried and tired traditional knows" or the "maybes.". What will swing them

There are as many who wi judge a new party on its pol-cies as by its leader, althoug both Mrs Shirley Williams an Mr David Steel came in fo warm mentions; the form talks common sense" larter " has good ideas ?... Some kind of link with the

Liberals would not, on the whole, be resented and man would favour it, but there as no strong views on whether that should be an alliance or merger.

Voters will look to a pe party first and foremost for i ment; then on help with hou ing, followed by a redoction; taxation, better pensions ar more public spending on the National Health Service. But above all, they hope it

social democrats will stand for certain values they see danger of being croded. I old values of detency as liberalism, as one Tory participation of the coupled with job prosper and coupled with job prosper. and security for the future Next: Michael Horsnell in Home Counties.

Mr Foot snubs dissident ex-Cabinet colleagues

in high Labour circles indicated last hight that Mr Foot's action might have backfired.

Mr Callaghan could not be immediately contacted for his response. However, it was said authoritatively that Mr Foot would not have involved him in any arguments about who was or was not coming.

Mr Foot had also made a speech last Friday indicating that he thought that the "gang of three" was effectively on its

Thursday next week to sanction the action, which is expected to

Directors for

main board

Continued from page 1 many Continental countries and its special function is to protect

tary of State for Trade rold the House of Commons yesterday. "Mr Murdoch has assured

the independent national direc-tors on three occasions in the last two weeks, and in a formal letter to me, that he will con-

'Times'

Leaders of the unions mer start with a one-day national

way out of the party. To have included them at Labour's high table, as it were, might look as if he were trying still to build bridges to them, which clearly he is not he is not. However, not all the social

democrats were ruled out. Mr Edmund Dell, also a Cabinet member, was invited but has since signed his support for the Council of Social

Democracy.

Mr Reg Prentice, who defected to the Conservatives, was

not invited.

Electrical

His decision was accepted by

officer, after the hearing questioned whether the employers member on the board, Mr David Staines, whom he said was an industrial relations director with Costain's, had a direct interest as a director of a civil engineering company.

workers at the Jaguar plant, Coventry, walked our yesterday to hold a protest meeting about the company making 60 colleagues redundant with only a. few hours' notice. They were handed their redundancy notices on Monday

morning and ordered to leave the plant that evening. They were told that they would not be required to work their statutory 90-day notice and would receive full payment in lieu. Angry shop stewards com-plained that the move was "Un-precedented, provocative and ruthless". They said the least the company could have done was to allow the men one week

in which to adjust to the shock.

About noon hundreds of their colleagues began to leave factories to hold a meeting in a half near by. But so many turned up that more than 100 could not get in The meeting. could not get in. The meeting unpaid bills total about quickly deteriorated into a moisy shouting concest. Unpaid bills total about information used for bu

Eventually it was decided to return to work but to hold a BL management declined to comment on the reasons for the instant redundancies.

It is understood that some Jaguar staff were told that management wanted them to leave immediately rather than spend their 90 days inside the plant as a potentially disruptive influence.

At the Rover plant, Solibuil, 30 employees received redun-dancy nonces on Monday and were given the choice of leaving immediately or at the end of the week. They all left immediately.

NHS action threatens doctors' pay

By Nicholas Timmins National Health Service C puter staff may stop the of doctors and dentists and payment of prescription cha to pharmacists after the bradown of pay talks yesterday the Department of Health Social Security.

The health committee of

National and Local Governm Officers Association will sider such action tomorr Overtime bans and other r sures have already preventens of millions of pound-bills being paid.

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The dispute is over a al-fall of between £515 and £1, depending on grade, between the pay of NHS computer and that in the private secestimated that £7m of bills i gone unpaid, and the regi-health authority is facing in of contract charges because cannot pay the builders of Milron Keynes hospital.

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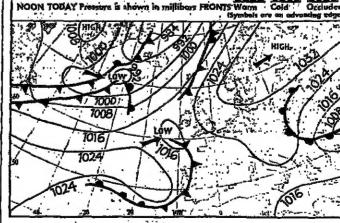
control. Action by

Estimates Board has meant dentists are being given mated payments because tailed figures are not being puted.

Correction

The report yesterday on drag mountaineering wrongly si-that trekking parties had f that ascending faster than th commended rate might wand mountain sickness. It should said: "Mild symptoms eta susceptible individuals at 10,006ft; acclimatization help most trekking parties ascent most trekking parties ascen-faster than the rates recom-ded as safe ".

Weather forecast and recordings



Today 7.05 am

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A ridge of high pressure extends over the British Isles from an amicyclone over Scandinavia.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central S England,

W Midlands, Channel Islands, S

Wales: Sunny periods after clearance of mist and fog patches: wind E. moderate; max temp 7°C (45°F) after early frost.

East Anglia, E England: Sunny intervals, isolated coastal sleet showers; wind E, moderate; max temp 4°C (39°F) after early frost.

E Midlands, central N, NE

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDA:

clearance of mist and fog patches; wind E, moderate; mar temp 6°C (43°F) after early frost.

SW England: Bright periods; wind SE, fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F) after early frost in places.

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Sunny periods after misty start; wind SE, mainly moderate; max temp 7°C (45°F) after early frost in places.

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals; wind S, moderate or fresh; max temp 6°C (43°F) after early frost in

places. NW Scotland: Rather cloudy,

intervals developing; wind S, strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).
Orkney, Sherland: Sunny interorkney, Speriand: Subny intervals; wind S, strong; max temp
5°C (41°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and
Friday: Rather cold and mainly
dry but perhaps some wintry
showers in the E. Sea passages: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel

(E): Wind E, moderate of sea slight or moderate.

London: Temp; max, 6 ar pm, 8°C (46°F); min, 6 pr am, 0°C (32°F). Humidity. 72 per cent. Rain, 24hr to nil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 2.9h mean sea level, 6 pm, millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

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willingness to meet the Government for further negotiations. There have been suggestions accept 13% that ministers are prepared to increase the offer to 7 or 71 per There is scepticism among union leaders that an extra 13 per cent would be sufficient. meeting is to be held on

white collar electrical workers was announced yesterday after was announced yesterday after a clash between members of an arbitration board set up under the auspices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service led the chairman, Sir John Wood, to decide the

both sides, but the Electrical, Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union remained dissatisfied with the board's handling of the claim.

Mr Thomas Rice, national

The award means that the basic salary of the lowest paid site supervisor will go from £5,510 to £6,226 a year.

its special function is to protect the national interests related to the newspapers, each with a worldwide reputation, and so vital to our society. The powers of the independent national directors, now six in all, have been strengthened as the Secre-

rinue the traditions of The Times as a paper of record and of high quality.

I have not the slightest doubt that he will honour his undertakings and that he will dedicate his immense energy

dedicate. Jus. immense energy and experience to the expansion of the company. If this had not been the case I would not have chaired today's first meeting.

"It would be a mistake for any of us to think that the problems of The Times have now been solved. What I do believe is that with the cooperation of the staffs and with the hard work of all concerned, to which Mr Murdoch has so rightly recently referred. The Times will celebrate its bicenterary in 1985."

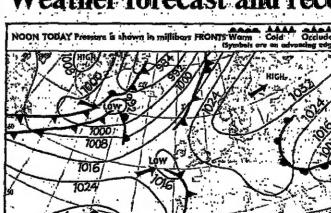
Sir Edward Pickering, aged

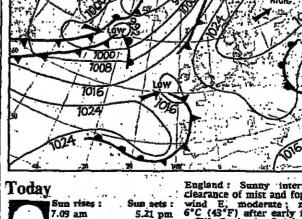
Sir Edward Pickering, aged 68, has been vice-chairman of the Press Council since 1977. He was chief sub-editor of the Daily Mail in 1939 and after war service was appointed managing editor. He later became Editor of the Daily Express and a director of Beaverbrook Newspapers and then chairman of the Inter-national Publishing Corpora-tion's newspaper division.

Lord Astor of Hever, aged 62, the second baron, was co-chief proprietor of *The Times* from 1964 to 1966, and then president of Times Newspapers Ltd. He has been president of the Commonwealth Union since 1972 and was chairman of its council from 1959 until that Lord Drogheda, aged 70, was

chairman of Financial Times Ltd, from 1971 until 1975 and before that managing director from 1945. From 1968 until 1970 he was chairman of the Newspaper Publishers Associa-Supplement printing: The Times Literary Supplement was

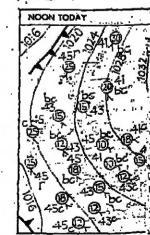
printed on the presses of the Chronicle and Echo evening newspaper in Northampton last night as part of a short-term contract. The Educational and Higher Education supplements are also being printed there





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Yesterday

HOME NEWS

Reactions to coal crisis irritate the Government

Political Editor

The alacrity with which Mrs Margaret Thatcher agreed that the planned tripartite meeting with the miners should be the planned tripartite meeting with the miners should be brought forward to today was being seen last night as a sure sign of her sharp concern that the situation had got out of hand quite unnecessarily.

While the Prime Minister is said to be determined to have no part in the meetings herself, she made sure that Mr David.

e made sure that Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, who was in a meeting with her at No 10 Downing Street when the renewed request from the miners came through, responded instantly.

It seemed clear from idignant reactions in Whitehall that Mrs Thatcher had been irritated by the clamour of criticism, whi she saw as alarmism, that had descended on her head from such usually friendly news-papers as the Daily Mail.

The Government was clearly of defusing that alarmism over numbers of pir closures and jobs lost had gone sour before today's planned disclosure by the National Coal Board of the facts. Many politicians find it extraordinary that the Government had been incapable of amnouncing the facts and so perhaps heading off a strike in South Wales. It is being officially asserted that the coal board had to sell its own men of the plans first and in the of the plans first and in the meantime side the storm of false speculation.

Last Thirsday Mrs Thatcher gave the Commons and the country the clear impression that she would not call a tripartite meeting of that sort. It was being said that she, and the Leader of the Opposition in challenging her, might have forgotten that the mechanism was in use and did not have to be

> The actual exchange suggests that on this occasion Mr Michael Foot knew the facts well and that the Prime Minister was being defiant first, and reflecting later.



All quiet in the Rhondda Valley yesterday as the miners of South Wales continued their strike.

This is one fight we must win, lodge chairman says

Pit where the men felt they dare not wait to hear the union line

From Tim Jones

The men of Coegnant colliery who started the miners' chal-lenge to the National Coal Board's pit closure programme explained yesterday why they felt they could not wait for the "polite politicking" of Mr Joseph Gormley, their national president, in their battle to save inhe

The 384 miners whose pit at the top of the Llynfui Valley, near Maesteg, has been condemned broke ranks and union discipline when they started an unofficial strike on Saturday, four days before the planned delegate area conference which delegate area conference which was to have discussed the union's official line.

They were followed by the men at Brynlliw colliery, and the South Wales miners leadership, faced with the prospect of a revolt they could not control, hastily brought the conference forward to Monday and announced that the entire coal-

According to Mr Malcolm Beck, the lodge chairman at Coegnant, the coal board succeeded in turning his men overnight from a moderate workinto a militant one, "Traditionally we have been a reasonable workforce, but after the treatment we have had all trust between us and the board

the pit had some cause to celebrate for two senior officials from the area coal

officials from the area coal-board visited the mine and con-gratulated the men on open-ing up a new face two weeks ahead of schedule.

The new seam represented an investment of £1.5m and the men felt confident that their jobs were secure

"When the appropriate was When the announcement was

made the very next day that we were to close we felt betrayed ", Mr Beck said. -He was "deeply suspicious" of coal board figures that referred to the quality of the coal mined at the pit. "At first they said it was only 32 per

they said it was only 3.2 per cent salable and gradually that figure has change to 60 per cent."

'Coegnant miners, with an average age of 39, make up one of the youngest workforces in the coalfield and the prospects of their finding alternative work are bleak.

At first glance the new

At first glance the new Jobcentre, which opened just two weeks ago, offers hope for it displays cards advertising scores of jobs, Sadly, however, only a handful are for local employment and the others offer positions in Corby, Milton Keynes, Gloucester, and other distant towns. There are 16 job offers from Saudi Arabia more than there are available for men in the town or sur-

a big employer of men in the valley, closed about five years ago and there were other, severe job losses when the men who used to travel to Port.
Talbot lost their posts under the British Steel Corporation's closure proposals.

Lewis Edwards, which employed many women making-clothes, closed recently and the Revion factory is on a three-day week with no cerof production can be main-tained.

Faced with the continuing recession, the men at Coegnant know that if their pit, which will be 100 years old next .. year, closes, many of them will. never work again. This is one fight we must win, Mr. Beck said.

The Coal Board said it invested in Coegnant to give the men a chance to prove the pita-was viable. "Unfortunately the new face proved to have a very, high ash content and the pit... was therefore a hopeless---economic case", an official

South Wales coalfield will lose £100m next year. That means that it will consume a... of the total available to the board for less than a tweifth of the produc-

Moderate coalfield thinks national strike of several weeks is almost inevitable

Bestwood, Nottinghamshire The National Coal Board's plan for closing pits and mak- Miners (NUM) must make a ing miners redundant continues to attract strong opposition from traditionally moderate-coalfields.

Even in the Nortinghamshire coaffield, which has escaped lightly, there is a growing ex-pectation among miners that a national strike is almost inevitable, and that it will last several

The momentum is such that many men feel it will be im-

time, there is a growing feeling that the National Union of stand.

Many miners suspect that traditionally moderate coalfields are feeling the effects of the board's proposals much less than militant areas, and they see that as an attempt to split the union.

Mr Ray Chadburn, Nottinghamshire area president, said yesterday, after hearing the board's proposals for the south Nottinghamshire area: "I think

the board is playing it very cagey. If they can be seen to placate the moderate areas, then they, the moderates, will not, support militant areas.

He thought the board might be-trying to split the union by not cutting back as it originally intended in moderate areas. Earlier, he had met board officials at Bestwood to be told that New Hucknall pit, employ-ing 660 men, will close by August, as announced last year, and that Babbington will merge with Hucknall colliery during the next two years.

merger as "a polite way" of closing Bebbington. The board said the pit will lose f6m by the end of this financial year, and Huckmall £1.5m. The south Nottingham area will lose £4m despite increased productivity.

Over two years, a thousand

miners in the area will have to transfer to other pits or leave the industry. Mr Donald Davies, area director, pledged after unveiling the proposals that no miners would be made redun-dant as a result of the closure

the area, which is expected to be 8,900,000 tonnes this year, to be reduced to 8,500,000 tonnes next year. Although the area has increased its sales to the Central Electricity Generat-

ing Board, its domestic market has fallen by a quarter.

Mr Chadburn predicted that there would be widespread support for a national strike from Nottinghamshire miners.

"Ioh besses effect not just site." from Nottinghamshire miners. "Job losses affect not just pits, but whole communities and other industries in the area industry. I have a car and buy-supply the coal industry. It is ing my own home and want

is a national fight."

The length of the dispute is lightly." a common talking point and

the general view was that it would last at least eight weeks and that they would be looking for support from other unions.

Mr Brian Brearley, aged 31,
who works at Newstead who works at Newstead colliery, said: I am a moder-ate but I will vote for a strike. I know it will mean hardship but unless we make a stand there will be no future in this

Mr Stephen Blaiklock, aged 26, who siso works at Newstead, summed up the feeling in south Nottinghamshire...

yesterday: "It is going to be a long, hard struggle but we must support the union and our fellow workers in the industry. There have been differences about various wage deals but this is a matter of principle and the feeling is that we must take action."

Howell emphasis on conciliation

Parliamentary Correspondent.

As MPs on both sides of the House yesterday pressed home to Mr David Howell, Secretary to Mr. David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, the dangers plied by the taxpayer. of allowing matters to take their

Mr Howell was that the Government was not yet aware of the National Coal Board's final pro-posals on closures and redundancies. Mrs Margaret Thatcher pointed out that area boards were still talking on those matters and that process would have to be completed before the full proposals could be

From the advice she had received there were far fewer pits to be closed than had been ramoured and it was vital that any talks should be conducted on the basis of the facts. The Prime Minister added

that the Government was particularly anxious that extra money should go to the pits for future development. Investment this year would be about

Pointing out that pit closures dancies. tourse without government in-tervention, he emphasized the new mood of conciliation, The implication of the words both of the Prime Minister and Thatcher said that the Government had honoured the plans for coal and wanted to put as much money as possible into the future of coal.

> ster's lead, Mr Howell also placed great emphasis on the inaccuracy of the closure and redundancy figures being rumoured. The coal board had not spoken of 50 closures, as was being suggested.
> Mr Howell said that sort of

> talk was causing unnecessary fears; the final figure would turn out to be considerably below what was being bandied about.

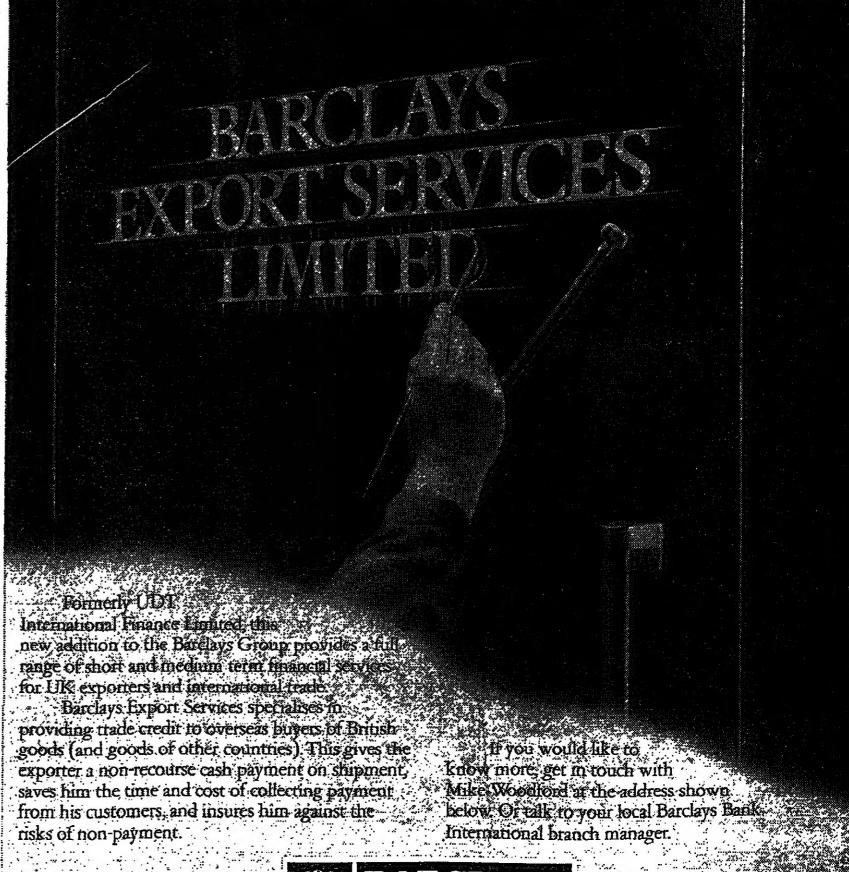
The Secretary of State emphasized that pit closures were inevitable and predictable but must be carried through in a sensible way with sympathetic understanding of the difficul-ties, particularly over redun-

With many MPs on the Con-servative backbenches highly critical of the tactics of the coal board and the way in which the board had handled the issue. Mr Howell pointed out that imports of coal would fall this year and were only 3 per cent of the total for British pected to be a net exporter of

The NCB, he said, had known all along that it faced a long term need for closures of uneconomic pits and the figures or un-economic pits and the figures were brought forward in one lump because that had been asked for by the National Union of Miners so that they could be studied centrally.

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Trouble at marches averted by luck, MPs are told

By Frances Gibb

Serious public disorder at narches and demonstrations has seen averted so far because the police have been lucky in obaining information, a Commons committee on the Greater Man-chester Bill was told yesterday.

Mr John Hugill, QC, for the Freater Manchester Council, the romoters of the Bill, said that ivil order should not depend m the possibility of courteous mormation about the time and lace of marches being passed A clause seeks to introduce

f marches must give 72 hours' orice to the police, or as soon s is reasonably practicable. Similar clauses are contained

Bills pending from Kent and ast Sussex county councils and the Government's Green aper on public order, which scommends notice of five days

Mr Hugill was opening the opposed kill "hearing before our members of Parliament ader the chairmanship of Mr ichael Hamilton, Conservative IP for Salisbury.

The clause, whose key supis Mr James Anderton, organiz Constable of Greater notice.

Manchester, is opposed by 16 MPs and several bodies, including the National Council for Civil Liberties.

Mr Anderson, called yester day as chief witness for the council, said that when the police were not notified they sometimes had to muster at very short notice from other divisions. It was not unusual for two to three thousand officers to be needed. Even from a seven-thousand strong force such as Manchester's, that needed considerable planning.

Mr Anderton, called yesterseven days' notice to be given but that was amended to 72 hours in the committee hearing in the House of Lords. The Commons committee has power to amend the clause further or

Mr Anderton said that 72 hours was the absolute minimum that would be ad-

Under the clause it would be-come a criminal offence, liable to a fine up to £200, not to give 72 hours' notice, or as soon as was reasonably practicable. Opponents argue that the measure is restrictive and unCriticisms fail to deflect the Paisley campaign From David Nicholson-Lord

Belfast The Rev Ian Paisley refused yesterday to be deflected from his Carson trail of "loyalist" rallies in opposition to the Anglo-Irish summit last December. He discounted criticisms from Lord Carson's son and Dr

H. Montgomery Hyde, Lord Carson's official biographer. Mr Edward Carson, Lord Carson's surviving son, yester-day described Mr Paisley's actions as a "masquerade" and said the situation now could not be compared with that before the First World War when his father organized the mass campaign of opposition to home rule. Mr Paisley had "no justification for what be is doing."
His criticisms came after a letter to The Times from Dr

Hyde, who said that Mr Paisley was doing the name of Lord Carson a grave disservice. Dr Hyde added yesterday that Mr Paisley used vulgar and offensive language about Roman Catholics, which Lord Carson would never do.

Mr Paisley's response was an immediate statement saying the criticisms would not affect his Democratic Unionist Party's "determined campaign of re-sistance" to the Dublin talks. necessary as 80 per cent of organizations already give such

Walker plea for end to fish protest

Jacob Ecclestone Mr Peter Walker, Ministry of

riculture, Pisheries and and, appealed yesterday for end to the blockade of ports fishermen protesting at the mping of cheap foreign fish. He told leaders of the fishing dustry at a meeting in moden that the blockades are damaging the industry's use and purting pressure on

After the talks in Brussels * week, at which the Council Fisheries Ministers of he iC failed to reach agreement. Walker invited representaes of the various fishin ganizations to put to him ir analysis of the industry's ancial position and their sugstions for dealing with cheap

ship of Mr William I son, an official at the Department of Agriculture, to investigate allegations of unfair imports. Written submissions were put to Mr Walker yesterday on the financial state of the industry, and more evidence of unfair and illegal imports will be given to the committee when it meets never wash.

it meets next week. Mr Walker described the meeting as constructive. "As far as the Government is concerned, we are not delaying, yesterday (the Press Association reports). brought forward the review", he said.

Mr Neil Parkes, president of the British Fishing Federation, was similarly pleased by the talks while emphasizing that the industry needed a quick it was agreed yesterday that secision on the level of financial support it could expect set up under the chairman-from the Government.

discussed at the meeting, it is thought that the Government will be asked for about £100m over the next year, of which the Scottish Fishermens Federation will be seeking about £64m. Tighter controls: Stricter measures to restrict the ship-ping of fish caught in British waters to factory vessels were under consideration. Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Agriculture, told MPs

The practice, known as Klondyking", has prompted protests from MPs of all parties because the operation, usually involving East European factory ships anchored offshore, bypasses the home-based fish processing industry.

EEC pressure, page 5. Fisherman's view, page 19

US agreement to buy Rapier in £140m deal boosts hope of more missile export orders

Defence Correspondent

The United States Air Force has agreed a E140m purchase of Britain's Rapier low-level antiaircraft missile to defend its July when the Government pre- chances of further export seven main air bases in this

British Aerospace Dynamics can start work on the 28 missile nuclear missile. Tauhchers and four trainers which will enter service with the USAF over the next four

The deal is unique in that missiles, equipped with Blindfire all-weather radar, will be manned by more than 300 independently.

members of the RAF Regiment. The completion of the sale which will expand its recruit to the Americans will not only ing for that purpose.

The reciprocal arrangement was first oficially outlined last sented the deal as a trans- orders. atlantic offset against Britain's purchase of the Trident-1

Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, chairman of British Aerospace Dynamics, described that bluntly as "codswallop" and the negotiations over Rapier were begun long before Trident, and had proceeded

help to secure jobs at British Aerospace works in Stevenage and Bristol but will boost the

missile has £1,150m for its makers, through orders from the British Army Tracked Rapier, the mounted and the RAF, and from Australia, Brunei, Abu Dhabi, oman, Iran, Zambia and, most recently, Switzerland.

The Usafe is absorbed to buy hearty 50 units of Tracked Rapier, the mounted and the RAF, and from Australia Armospace Meanwhile British Armospace

The USAF is thought to be are working on an improved interested in acquiring about 14 version of the weapon, which it more launchers eventually if it is said can remain effective can find the money,

Other countries which are assessing the British weapon against other overseas competi-tors include Ecuador, Greece, Egypt, Norway, Qatar, Singa-pore, South Korea, Spain and Turkey, while the British Army is hoping to scrape up the money to buy nearly 50 units of

until beyond the year 2000.

Defence exceeds cash limits by £260m

By. Our Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

Ja spite of the devotion to tash limits of Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence, his department has for the second time in 1980-81, overspent its limit, this time by

Announcing that in the Commons yesterday, Mr Nort said that the overspending would be reflected in a supplementary estimate which would be presentate which would be pro-sented today. Mr Nott is en-countering the same difficul-ties as his predecessor, Mr Francis Pym, now Leader of the House, who last August announced that the cash limits would be exceeded by £254m.

Mr Pym and his department were then taken to task by Mr

John Biffen, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who said that no departments should consider themselves exempt from the limits and that the overspent sum would be deducted from the next year's expenditure

Mr Pym' later stated in the Commons, with the evident approval of many Tory MPs, that his view, which was not that of his Cabinet colleagues, was that defence should be protected from cash limits restraints. restraints.

Various cuts have since been announced in the defence costs in an attempt to reduce expen-diture but Mr Nott's announcehave not been fully effective. He told the House that the

usual practice was that overspending should be offset by a corresponding deduction in the following year. However, the final figure for the defence budget would not be known for some time and the position would be reviewed then. He was continuing to take steps to restrain expenditure.

To criticism from the opposi-tion benches, Mr Nott said that the country must afford the present level of defence expenditure because Britain was faced

with a threat to its freedom and liberty.

Earlier, answering another question, Mr Nott said there were limits to the resources of this country, and each limits. this country and cash limits was a system which helped the United Kingdom to keep within those resources.

He supported a system of cash limits. Defence expenditure was increasing in real terms and was going up faster than any

other programme.

Our Defence Correspondent writes: Estimates of the amount by which the Ministry of Defence will have overspent by the end of this financial year have varied between £260m and £400m. The ministry has blamed the recession, which has prompted companies to com-plete defence contracts and to bmit their bills more quickly than before.

To allow for a reduction in next year's cash limits, the services are being pressed to volun-feer still more stringent econo-mies in 1981-82.

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Gloom in Armed Forces as fuel economies are continued to next year

By Our Defence Correspondent Fuel economies which were ordered five months ago for the Armed Forces, are to be continued throughout the next . financial year, with consequent cuts in travel and training. Whitehall sources said last night that operational effectiveness would not be lowered.

The fuel reductions formed

The fuel reductions formed the bulk of a £100m savings package imposed last September as the Ministry of Defence struggled to pay its bills within the Treasury's cash limits.

The services are glumly viewing the prospect of a further 12 months of restricted movement

while the ministry copes with the financial penalties of this year's overspending. The Royal Navy, which had to withdraw two frigates from

a Nato exercise last autumn to help meet a 30 per cent cut in its fuel allocation, will have to adjust its plans to meet a 20 per cent reduction until April, 1982.

The RAF is cutting the fuel allocation to its transport feet

by a quarter and to its fast, front-line jet sircraft by 16 per cent. The reductions in flying time will be felt most acutely by the heavy fuel burners like the VC-10 transports and the Vulcan bomber squadrons.

Hercules transports and Nim-rod maritime reconnaissance aircraft, which help to protect Britain's North Sea oilfields, will also be significantly affected.

The reductions will mean that pilots will be flying only about

17 hours a month, as opposed to 22 hours previously, which is not much above Nato mini-

mum requirement.

Flying hours for new pilots in training will not be affected because the RAF is still more than 300 pilots short and is likely to remain so for some years. It takes about three years to train a pilot and there is always an outflow as trained men reach the end of their engagements.

The Ministry of Defence is insisting that flight safety standards will not be impaired. Safety records improved in the past two years, it says, from an accident rate of 0.52 per cent for every 10,000 flying hours in 1979 to 0.47 per cent in 1980.

The RAF has been trying to save money by sending troops and their families to and from Hongkong by commercial jets instead of by weekly flights by RAF VC-10s.

The Army is also imposing restrictions on fuel consumption. Its consumption is less

tion. Its consumption is less than the other two services and it is having to find other savings as well.

The RAF's Red Arrows demonstration team is likely to tour the Middle East next month, including Jordan, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

The tour was cancelled last year because of the Gulf war. It will provide an opportunity for

will provide an opportunity for Britain to display the Hawk air-craft in the hope of winning

Ratepayers issue writ against councillors Council to put up rates by 180% By Ian Bradley Bassetlaw District Council in A writ is to be served today north Nottinghamshire is to be on 30 councillors in the London asked by its finance committee

Borough of Camden and on the council alleging overspending and deliberate disregard of

The writ, issued by members of the Camden Ratepayers. Association, states that the councillors "have been spending according to certain high-handed principles and policies which hear no reletion to their which bear no relation to their duties to the ratepayers".

Miss Diana Yach, the asso ciation's press secretary, said yesterday: "We are particu-larly concerned about the supplementary rate of 6p which was levied in December. Counciliors have a duty to account to the ratepayers."

The association is holding a meeting tonight in Friends Hall, Euston Road, London, at which Camden ratepayers will

The Prime Minister was

asked yesterday to receive a

senting all but one of the city constituencies, signed a letter to Mrs Margacet Thatcher ask-

of State for the Environment and Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry.

From John Chartres.

Manchester

designate that the money be put into a trust account. They will be told to write "rate trust account" on their cheques. The association believes that

if councillors use trust money unwisely they will place them-selves at risk in law. In a separate move yester-day, employees of Camden council who are members of the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE) voted two to one for a series of one-day

strikes. About 800 of the 2,500 NUPE members employed by the council arrended a mass meeting called to protest against reductions in staffing, rate increases and the Government's demand for repayment of £2m paid in supplementary wages to council workers.

They voted for a one-day strike on March 4 to be be recommended to pay their followed by selective lightning rates to the council but to strikes.

Manchester protest over block grant

Disabled to see flower show on private day

By Pat Healy Social Services Corresponden The Royal Hornicultural Society bowed to pressure yesterday and agreed that disabled people will, after all, be allowed into Chelses flower show on the private viewing day, the Monday. The numbers will be kimited, however, and mey will be chosen by balloc. The decision overtook

potential protest at the society's potential protest at the variation yes terday by members who been pressing for visiting facili-ties before the public days as a gesture to the International Year of Disabled People. Mrs Eileen Aston, a fellow of the society and wife of the char-man of the international year's man of the international year's British committee, said she was delighted at the announcement. The main aim of the year, Mrs Aston said, was to try to integrate disabled people into society as much as possible. But there were times when a help-

ing hand was necessary and appropriate.

Before making the amouncement. Lord Aberconway, president of the society, emphasized the difficulties of having disabled people in the grounds of the Chelsea show while punels of judges were still there. The show was open to disabled people on all the other days, he said, and the society welcomed them.

He pointed out that the

ing hand was necessary and

comed them.

He pointed out that the society had just received in award from Guildford Borough. Council for the facilities Council for the facilities of wisley gardens, and that away had been made before the decision to make entry free for disabled people.

The original decision not to let disabled people in an the Monday had nothing to do with the traditional visit then shake people Family, Lord Aberton.

Royal Family, Lord Abercontay said. But he had been asked by Mr Hugh Rossi, Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled, to allow 20 disabled people in wheelchairs, to be chosen by ballot, to visit the show on that day.

The society was happy to meet any reasonable request from the Government, and it would accept that one it would not be practicable to offer facilities. ties to a large number of dis-abled people. Asked by a society member why he was fixing the number at 20, rather than a maximum number, Lord Aberconway said there would be flexibility.

The limit would not neces.

sarily be 20, but the number who could be accommodated in personally guided tours. The details had not yet been worked

The annual meeting amenimously endorsed on a show of hands the society's actions is: opposing plans to reopen Waley, airport. Lord Aberconway, who made his maiden speech entry 27 years in the Lords on the issue, said the society would seek an injunction to prevent the reopening of the airport if there was all speech. there was an appeal.

RHS show, page to

Princess Anne, elected yesterday as Chancellor of London University, had an engagement at the prizegiving of a weaving and embroidery competition at Debenham's, Oxford Street.

Cambridge £4,250 damages for copying music don's post

teur music groups were warned yesterday that they are breaking the law by copying sheet

The practice is widespread and writers and composers are losing much money, the Music. Publishers' Association said after a High Court settlement. Oakham, Leicestershire, one of Britain's oldest public schools, who were said to have been copying music for years, for convenience, face a bill for £4,250 damages and costs.

& Co, music publishers, and the now recognize that the copying the copy-holders

ing the damages from Oakham School represents another stage

in its campaign to end the widespread illegal copying of

music by schools

The association estimates

that each year about eight million copies of copyright music and written material

have been made unlawfully in

Postal ballot to be conducted

on national park

About 300,000 people

south-west Scotland are to be

asked whether they would like

to see the Galloway hills desig-

nated as the country's first

national park.

A postal ballot is being conducted by the Scottish Conservation Society with financial help from an anonymous donor.

The society believes that the area is under threat from devel-

proposal to drill test boreholes

for the possible future dumping of nuclear waste. The result of

a public inquiry into the drilling

application is expected next

By Our Planning Reporter

Britain's schools,

The settlement terms also included undertakings by the school not to infringe copyright or reproduce sheet music by photographic or other processes without the copyright holders'

Mr Peter Bowsher, QC, for the music publishers, told Mr Justice Goulding that the dam-ages were based on "the agreed flagrancy of the infringement Counsel added: "Music publishers wish to make it clear that this copying of sheet music amount in settlement of an breach of the agreed code of and expedition than through action against them by Novello fair practice. The defendants any deliberate intent to deprive

estimates that three-fifths of

directive which means that men

and practise freely as midwives by 1983.

will have to be allowed to train

After discussions with the Department of Health and Social Security it is awaiting the results of research at the two United Kingdom hospitals

The college's reservations stem from the medical convention that male midwives are not allowed to examine their

patients in the same way as women midwives. They have

to be chaperoned much of the

where men are allowed to feeding. train and practise as midwives. "We

the material copied is sheet the consequences.

EEC male midwife rule

By Lucy Hodges time, which is expensive to protect them from charges of wives is anxious about an EEC assault.

worries royal college

music. When it received the copies Mr Johnson Dyer, of the of carols made at Oakhan it

The trustees had been most cooperative after service of the proceedings on them. A total of 15,000 sheets of infringing copies had been handed over.

The musical works involved

were all Christmas carols. They were in an infringing book of carols sent to the publishers by an anonymous informer, Mr David Kitchin, for the

school, said Oakham regretted most sincerely that cause was given for the action. The copy-Eight million offences estimated yearly

infringement was not worth

When it received the copies

Miss Ann Ryder, the college's

miss Ann Ayder, the college's professional officer, questioned whether male midwives could practise on their own in people's homes or in postnatal

wards where they would be dealing with "highly emotional patients" who might be having

tend Dr MacCabe's post, which involves giving tutorials for about 10 hours a week, because it feels that he has had a "ra deal" from the university. He will be paid on the full lecturer's scale of £8,500 until September, 1982, £1,728 more than his present salary In December the English faculty appointments committee decided not to promote Dr By Martin Huckerby because the schools are short with the music user organiza-of money. Based on a survey tions in 1979, the association Publishers' Association in gain-carried out in Scotland, it also would have to demonstrate that

is extended

Dr Colin MacCabe, the lec-turer at the centre of the dis-pute in the Cambridge Univer-sity English faculty has had his teaching fellowship at King's College extended for a further

The college decided to ex-

By a Staff Reporter

sity lecturer next September at the end of his five-year con-tract as assistant lecturer. The promotion had been recommended by the faculty board association, said that last year it had won a similar case damages. Mr Dyer said that against the Wolverhampton the association was not fighting education authority and had then issued a warning that, if anyone failed to keep within the code of fair practice agreed living composers, The committee's decision, which has provoked a controversy about the value of struc-turalism in the study of English

is under examination by a subcommittee of the university's general board of the faculties The committee is expected to report by the end of March. Dr Timothy Leggatt, senior tutor of King's College, said yesterday: "We do not seek as a college to right the wrongs that our members may feel they have suffered at the hands of a university department, but we do feel Dr MacCabe has had a

raw deal.

"Ordinarily he would have known last February that he was about to embark on his final year in the English faculty and would have had 16 months to find an alternative job. As it was, he did not know until December that he would be going in September.

"As decent employers, we felt that he should be given extra time so that he can look for another job. We originally thought that he would be upgraded and so we had counted on having his services for the coming academic year." raw deal.

difficulties with, say, breast "We accept the fact that male midwives are going to come but we have reservations about their role", she said. Midwives would be divided into those able to undertake all coming academic year."

Dr MacCabe refused to comthe work and those who would ment yesterday.

to raise its rates by 180 per cent from 12.5p to 35p in the

In brief

Balloon money sought Julian Nott, aged 36, from London, who holds the world ballooning altitude record, and Judith Chisholm, aged 29, from Buckinghamshire, a record-breaking aviator, are seeking £250,000 in sponsorship to join the race to be the first to travel round the world non-stop in a

Irish history exemption Mr Albert Reynolds, the Irish Republic's Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, last night signed an order specifically excluding the series, Ireland, a Television History, from the provisions of the republic's broadcasting Act which prohibits the showing of inter with the Provisional

Bail for Miss Faithfull Marianne Faithfull, the singer, and Ian Brierley, her

husband, the guitarist, were committed at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday on unconditional bail for trial at Inner London Crown Court on drugs charges. Bill for empty flats The London Borough of Islington has been spending

£50,000 a year on heating empty council flats. Officials said it prevented deterioration of the fabric but the housing committee has ordered the practice

Milkman of the year Alan Donnely, aged 28, from Surron Coldfield, has won the National Dairy Council's 1981 award for personality milkman of the year. He also received a

Mary Rose appeal

The Prince of Wales urged businessmen in the City of London last night to respond to a £2m appeal to help to raise the wreck of Renry VII's flag-ship the Mary Rose from the Solent.

House design awards New Housing Design Awards are to replace those of the Department of the Environment and the National House Build-

The Open Space Theatre closes with £32,296 loss

An Arts Council decision to withdraw its grant meant that the Open Space Theatre must close, a creditors' meeting was told yesterday. The theatre, which was operated by Camden Playhouse

Productions, had debts £32,650 and assets of £354. The meeting, held in the office in London of Mr Roy Woodman, assistant official receiver, heard that the company promoted plays that were not necessarily commercial. Mr Charles Marowitz, the

only director still in office, told Mr Woodman that the company had depended on Arts Council grapts to pay the annual deficit Difficulties arose when the grant was cut last year and, when the company was told it would get nothing in 1981, trading ceased.

Creditors left the matter with the Official Receiver as liquida-Inventive theatre: The Open

Space Theatre, founded in 1968 by Mr Marowitz and Thelma Holt, who now runs the Round House, has been a most inventive experimental theatre (our Theatre Reporter writes). It played an important part in the development of fringe theatre, matching an intelligent choice of new work with such adaptations of the classics as Marowitz's versions of Hamlet and Macheth.

Rarely free from controversy, especially on the subject of money, the Open Space has had increasing difficulties in the past few years. It lost its original home in Tottenham Court Road, and then its temporary premises in Euson Road, becoming a troupe of wandering players.

delegation from Manchester to discuss the city's economic and social difficulties. Seven Labour MPs, represpending of £17.5m in the next financial year or a substantial ing her to meet a delegation soon. If she is unable to see them, they would like to meet Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary increase in rates.

A submission to the Government states that the block grant arrangement is arbitrary and unjust and asks for more

Parliament. loss continues; that in the pas Their chief complaint is that two years unemployment by Manchester is suffering unfairly from the decision to deprive it of assisted area status from August. 1982, and from the block grant system which would call for a cut in spending of \$17.5 \in in the city. rate increase of 45.2 per cent of 1000 ealthough the council is work ing to reduce the figure, company pared with recommended increases of 3 per cent for

Cheshire, 5 per cent for War in Co of State for the Environment and Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry.

The Labour-controlled city council, whose leaders are resisting a left-wing threat to their authority, is trying to fell from 63,000 in 1961 to less wickshire and nil for Williams will also points out that assisted status or special grants are for industrial development.

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Diamond dealers jailed for faking £775,894 robbery

Two Hatton Garden diamond Heath saying they had agreed merchants were each jailed for to pay two men "on the fring live years yesterday for staging of the criminal world" 550.0 merchants were each jailed for five years yesterday for staging a fake robbery in the hope of gaining more than film.

Mr Wilfred Hogg, aged 37, was found in Clerkenwell, London, early on February 11 last year with his hands and feet tied, and with a minor facial. injury, Mr Michael Corkery, for the prosecution, said.

to pay two men "on the true of the criminal world" 550,4 to stage the fake robbery.

Both men pleaded guilty conspiring to defraud Liou underwriters by submitting fraudulent claim alleging a quantity of jewelry, diamon and other genus had been lost an armed robbery.

Their plea of not guilty stealing the stones was accounted.

Mr. Hogg, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, told detec-tives that he had been robbed of jewels worth £775.894 by armed men as he left his office

to go on a sales trip to Saudi Mr Corkery said that Mr

Mr Corkery said that Mr Hogg and Mr John Heath, aged 35, of Fulmer, Bucking-hamshire, planned to claim the £775,894 dishonestly from a Lloyds underwriter and later dispose of the stones

to stage the fake robbery.

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Rum switch in pubs allege

The Courage brewery chain in September last year at was accused in the High Court Courage-managed public hou yesterday of unlawfully substituting its brand of white rum substituted for Bacardi. wnen customers Bacardi..

Mr Charles Sparrow, QC, claimed that Courage was guilty of a double fraud: on the producers of Bacardi and on Bacardi & Co Ltd. a Liech-

renstein company, is seeking an interim injunction to prevent Courage supplying Dry Cane in response to requests for

Mr Justice Walton that the company carried out test purchases;

After Courage had been plied with detailed evide Bacardi in November chet all those outlets again and il was not one single substitut Courage now appeared to confending that "Bacardi" become "almost a ger

Bacardi is also claiming ages for breach of contract Sparrow said that in April, Bacardi.

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Protection for Industry March 18th 1981 at 66, Portland Place, London. An international seminar designed for industrial planners and businessmen wishing to learn about large scale protection of people and essential industries. The object is to belp you assess what your organisation could do in the light of the possibility of

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Powell attack on nationality Bill

By Philip Webster Parliamentary Staff

Mr Enoch Powell, arguing yesterday against the nationality Bill's provision that nationality can be passed to children by their mothers, said that the differentiation of functions between the sexes had been the reason why hitherto it could be transmitted only through the male line.

Moving an amendment during the Bill's Commons committee stage to restore that position, Mr Powell, Official Ulster Unionist MP for Down, South, Ulster said that nationality in the last resort was tested by fighting. A man's nation was the nation for which he would fight and his nationality was the expres-sion of his ultimate allegiance. One of the essential differentiations of function between man and woman was that between fighting on the one hand and the preservation and creation of life on the other, people are almost twice as "The two sexes are deeply dif-

ferentiated in accordance with

the recent concern with sex discrimination verged on the boundary line where the harmlessly absurd became harmful and dangerous.

had been debated for more than six bours at vesterday's and the previous two sittings of the committee, designed to reestablish the principle of the right of auto-matic citizenship for every child born in the United Kingdom, was rejected by 12 votes to nine. Mr Timothy Raison, Minister

of State at the Home Office, said that the Government was at an early stage of considering what changes would be neces-sary to the immigration rules following the passage of the Awareness of Bill: Non-white

those two functions".

Mr Powell said the absurdities that had clustered around Equality (Lucy Hodges writes). Ethnic minorities are also far more worried than whites that the Bill is unfair and will treat

some people better than others, and dangerous.

An opposition amendment, Opinion Research Centre says. The results are extracts from study of attitudes to race relations being carried out by the commission. The research was done before the Government's amendments to clauses 1 and 2

were announced.

of 1,579 people, 506 of whom were from echnic minorities. When asked if they thought the new Bill would be equally fair to white and coloured people or whether it would treat some people better than others, 40 per cent of the whites and 77 per cent of the ethnic minorities said it would meat some people better than others.

lt involved a random sample

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ison trial judge tells e press that they eserve boiling in oil'

Justice Michael Davies d the press at Win-Crown Court vesterday the trial of Miss Rosie the vachtswoman, and lend Miss Tracey Stamp. raid the press deserved a ral punishment, and I won't say what the deserves except that they e boiling in oil ".

made his comment after id been told that Miss or a Southampton docker, aid £2,000 by The People raper for his story and an sive picture of Miss Swale Wiss Stamp together.

Vincent, aged 36, who that the two women his food and drink with d selling his story to the paper in October, 1978.

estioned by the judge, Mr. ent replied: "I have red on one occasion, and one ision only, 52,000 when I my story to The People. It ather like in court. They ask - dinner.

The judge made tilled; it, on the door of an old

so's knows in Burley in the ew Forest. Mr Vincent said iss Stamp had argued with e old man and claimed that e bad put a curse on him. . The judge said that that was e sort of thing which "makes porters' pens wag". He continued: "They are

ily interested in this and not ie facts of the case. I am sing to find out before the se is over whether the court being manipulated by the ess or whether the press in ing manipulated by the uries. I do not like the flavir of this case at all."

At the start of the day's aring yesterday the judge .ild up a copy of the Daily ail which carried the opening the trial, and complained nout what he called the

After reminding the jury that he had warded them at the outset of the trial to avoid reading about the case or listening to it on television or radio, he said: "I am very disappointed with the press. They cannot stick to what is said exactly in court. If there are any more inaccuracies then I any more inaccuracies then I shall take action. The arm of the law is very long."

At the end of Mr Vincent's evidence the judge said be would release him on condition that he did not speak to the press or television during the

He added: "I am not going to have interviews with you splashed all over the papers. In this country we have trial by judge and jury, not trial by the newspapers or tele-

Mr Vincent had earlier told the jury that he was violently ill for weeks while living with the two women in West Road. Woolston, Southampton. On ethat occasion, in September 1978, Miss Stamp and Miss Swale had both prepared the

stions and then write a com- He continued: "The portions tely different angle to it." Tooked similar so I picked up he judge then made his one of the plates and went into the lounge to watch television.

The other two picked up their "meals and we all are together.
"I did not suffer any illness, but narks earlier after Mr Tracey did She had all the neers claimed that Miss symptoms I had suffered."

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amp took a wreath from his symptoms I had suffered."

and the later told a friend: "I and the later told a friend." thought that one of them had eaten the wrong dinner, and perhaps they were poisoning

> Cross-examined by Mr Anthony Palmer, QC, for Miss Stamp, Mr Vincent said he had always been amazed at the care the two women gave him when

> He added: "It was for that reason I could not have thought two people who were always so nice, so kindly, could be

poisoning me." Once, he said; Miss Stamp told him she had cast a spell and made him ill.

Miss Stamp and Miss Swale both deny poisoning Mr Vincent; attempting to pervert the course of justice by fabricating evidence; and perjury. They now live at Chapel Cottage Penford ffordd, Dyfed.

The trial continues today.



Mr James Attwood, a stone carver employed by the Department of the Environment, busy in its workshop in Horseferry Road, London, preparing

gargoyles for a tower at

Windsor Castle.

Britain resists EEC pressure to approve Canadian fishing deal

From Michael Hornsby

Brussels, Feb 17
Britain today stood firm in its refusal to approve new fisheries agreements between the EEC, Canada and the Faroes despite pleas from West Ger-many and other member states

WEST EUROPE

At a meeting of EEC foreign ministers, Sir lan Gilmour, the Lord Privy Seal, repeated the long-standing British position that there could be no deals with ourside countries until Community states had settled their dispute over internal fisheries policy.

The matter was put on today's agenda at the request of the

agenda at the request of the Germans, whose fishermen would expect to catch the bulk of the 14,500 tonnes of fish mainly cod) that would be reerved for BEC trawlers off Labrador under the Canadian

agreement. Herr Klaus von Dohnanyi, the West Cerman junior Foreign Minister, said a decision was. urgent because from the end of this month the ice floes would start to break up and drifting icebergs would make fishing in Canadian waters increasingly

dangerous. Sir lan was not moved by these arguments. However, he made the point that the agreement with Ortawa would cut tariffs on exports of Canadian

A violent explosion last night

caused extensive damage to the offices of the Ministry of Education in Rue de Bellechasse, near the Boulevard Saint-Germain a policeman was

slightly injured and all windows of the building on the other side of the street were

called to put out a fire which broke out among the files and documents in the damaged

shattered by the attack.

Five fire brigades

Paris, Feb 17

waters to Community boats, and most of these exports would end up on the already depressed British market.

Herr von Dohnanyi produced faures to show that the Canad-ian exports to Britain would not ian exports to Britain would not amount to more than 1,540 tonnes, barely 1 per cent of total British seafood imports. It was clear, he said, that the British veto on the Canada agreement was "political and psychological".

Sir lan accepted that the volume of Canadan imports might not be enormous, but it would be "the straw that broke the camel's back" for British fishermen who were already up

fishermen who were already up in arms over competition from cheap imports.

Moreover, it had always been understood. Sir Ian maintained.

that the Canada deal could be only part of an overall fisheries settlement which included new measures to give EEC fisher men better protection against cut-price imports.

Ian indicated later that Britain did not see any objec-tion to ratification of a fisheries agreement with Spain which was reached between Spanish

Commission this morning.
This will license 142 Spanish boats to catch 10,500 tonnes of hake in EEC (mainly French) waters over the coming yearfrozen cod fillers to the EEC in about 11 per cent less than the return for opening Canadian Spanish catch last year.

Corsican group claims ministry bombing

attack was claimed by the

The caller said the front bad

"The FNLC, which stems

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Responsibility for the bomb We call upon the French

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Corsica as in France, the ing which was singled out for struggle for national liberation. outrage."

Front, the militant separatist nation," the caller said. organization, in a telephone call to a French press agency. The French people concare less about it. M Cl

hospital director in Milan

From Peter Nichols Rome, Feb 17

Gunmen today shot and killed Dr Luigi Maragoni, aged 44, medical director of Milan's general hospital, as he left his home to go to work.

An anonymous telephone caller later claimed responsi-

bility for the murder in the name of the Red Brigades terrorist movement of the extreme left.
Dr Maragoni was the third

victim of terrorists this year, after the killings of two cara-binieri at Padua on February Plain clothes policemen arrived on the scene in time to engage the murderers in a gunfight and they believe they wounded one of them before the four escaped in a stolen

car:
The dead man's family said he had received so many threats to his life by telephone that they had changed the number. He had also received threatening letters.

Hospital accusation: Police said Dr Maragoni, died 20 minutes after reaching hospital from three bullet wounds in the head and one in the left arm (UPI reports from Milan).

The Red Brigades accuse hospital personnel of collabor-ating with the Government in its struggle against terrorism.

people to support the cause and

The French people could not

Beullac, the Education Minister,

serious consequences owing to

the permanent presence of per-

sonnel and tenants in the build-

Gunmen kill | Communist hecklers break up TV debate

From Charles Hargrove

Paris. Feb 17
Militants of the communistled trade union organization
CGT last night garecrashed a CGT last night garecrashed a French television debate on the plight of youths unable to find work, and brought it to a halt. Thirty-three young people of different political persuasions (including wto members of the Communist youth organization) were fitted in a large hall against a penal of seven, including a minister, a capitalist, a doctor, the captain of a football team, a university rector, and a trade a university rector, and a trade unionist. M Edmond Maire, the secretary-general of the leftist CFDT.

The Communists had proces ted against the fact that M Georges Seguy, the CGT leader, was not on the panel, and demanded that M Charles Fiterman, a leading members of the Communist hierarchy, should be included. This was refused

The organizers wanted to break away from the convention that if the CFDT speaks for two minutes, the CGT must do so too. But the young activists of the Communist-dominated trade

union were not going to allow M Maire to steal the show and speak for organized labour.
Things had started rather well. The young people pulled no punches. They opened fire on unemployment, which affects

700,000 of their number.
One of them, interrupted M Francois Dalle, the president of the company L'Oreal, who was quoting Disraeli and asked; "Your firm made a profit of 350m francs (£32m). What are you going about hiring young people? In Saint-Denis, where I live, your female employees are paid 3,000 francs a month. Part of your goods are produced abroad.

His question was punctuated by cheers. But at that point. about 100 youngsters in the gal-lery began chaoting "The floor also carried out the recent summed up their feelings accurately when he said the cowardice of the attack was only equalled by its stupidity.

The caller said the front had been accurately when he said the cowardice of the attack was only equalled by its stupidity.

It could have had far more to the CGT", unfurled banners and threw handfuls of leaflets into the stalls. They had entered the ball with forged invitation cards.

The programme had been in progress bacely for half an hour. In a moment pandemonium broke loose. The organizers of

threatened to bring it to an end.

M. Jean-Pierre Elkabbach, the
director of information of
Antenne 2, amid shours of; "Long live freedom", and
"A France for youth with
Macchais." declared indignantly: "You have just demonstrated to millions of Frenchmen your conception of free

M. Maire spoke afterwards about a commando operation in which neither the youngsters, nor television viewers, nor the Communist Party have anything

to gain".
The most frustrated by the performance were the 33 young-sters, who had prepared ther questions for weeks, and looked forward to making their welse heard. Some of them had come from the other end of France. They were on the verge of tears. After the television cameras had been switched off, an improvised debate took place between them and the panel.

A young farmer's wife, who A young farmer's wife, who had travelled from her remote village in the Pyrenees, was bursting with indignation: "I am fed up to the teeth with speeches, and abstract statements. I am on my tractor all day. Do they know the fare of the pyrene in the country? women in the country? Tonight, I was going to get down to brass tacks. I was prevented. It is Hell."

The outcry against the tactics of the CGT has been wide-spread. Fascist methods, Mme Monique Pelletier, the Mme Monique Pelletier, the Minister for Women's Affairs, who was on the panel, said

afterwards. The Communists remain undaunted. M Seguy told an impromptu press conference today that M Maire had become the objective ally of the Government, the employers, and the "colonizers of information" by agreeing to be part of the panel. And M Fiterman insisted that the organizers had pre-ferred to interrupt the show rather than allow a representa-

tive of the CGT to speak. And for good measure the Communist newspaper L'Humanité today carried. a banner headline which read Antenne 2 and Europe One censure youth ".

Eire mourns club fire victims

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"We are not as bopeful as we were originally of identifyandust Club fire in Dublin All over Dublin shops, offices and cafés opened late yesterday.

"All over Dublin shops, offices in everyone", Dr P. J. Bofin, and cafés opened late yesterday.

"But I am still boping that we reformance and the National will manage it" lled by the Government urches of all denominations ganized Masses and memorial

:-- Schools everywhere closed for least part of the day so that achers and pupils could attend ligious services. Civil servants or allowed time off to attend.

Dr Patrick Hillery, President

Ireland, and Mr Charles sughey, the Prime Minister, tended a requiem Mass in the urch in the parish in which

e disaster took place. The

Jolin of Dublin and Primate of Ire-

performances and the National Theatre Company cancelled performances at the Abbey and Peacock theatres. Golf clubs remained closed until lunch-

Parliament sat for only a few minutes before adjourning and court sittings commenced later than usval. Six of the fire victims were

buried vesterday, four of them in Dublin, one in co Meath and one in Belfast. At the city morgue, Dublin, the identifica-

By Clifford Longley

Opposition to the church

opposition to the church unity proposals to be debated by the General Synod of the Church of England next week has hardened among Anglo-Catholic members of the synod, with the publication of a new

attack on the proposals accom-panied by indications that the "Catholic Group" of members

will be urged to vote against, en bloc.

The three Anglo-Catholics

Religious Affairs

tion of the victims continued. Two more people were identified yesterday, leaving 11 still

Synod to debate covenant next week

Anglo-Catholic opposition

to church unity hardens

will manage it."

Two dental experts are assisting a team of pathologists working at the morgue. Police in-quiries into the cause of the fire are continuing. Many statements have been taken from

"We are still keeping an open mind on the cause of the fire", the police said last night. A public inquiry into the dis-aster has already been announced by the Irish Govern-

Catholic consultants on the council, Father John Coventry, SJ. Supporters of the covenant

name and reputation to argue

that the proposals are not anathema to the Roman Catholic

Church, even though it is not itself taking park

The paraphlet points out that

another distinguished Roman

Catholic theologian, the Right Rev B. C. Butler, does not accept Father Coventry's theory; and states that the other Roman Catholic consult-ant on the coencil, Father Dens

Corbishley, is also unable to agree. But Father Corbishley has not yet committed himself

In any case, the wording of

the proposed covenanting ser-vice is, the pamphlet states,

ambiguous at the crucial place. It does not indicate which of

two interpretations of the word

to the lack of any requirement that every minister of each

participating church should take part in a form of coveranting

Ar present, the proposals envisage that a Free Church minister could gain full recognition of his ministry, in an Anglican sense even if he does

Anglican sense, even if he doe not attend such a service and merely refuses to register his

decision to op out. He would be deemed to have participated, and the Anglo-Catholics main-rain that that raises serious

recognition" is to be under-

The three authors also object

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of the Government's charges for planning s were published Subject to parliaapproval, they will effect on April 1. es will be payable to authorities concerned, Government expects amount to about £38m ightly more than half

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for planning appeals.
All applications for outline planning permission will be charged at a rate of £40 for one tenth of a hectare, up to a

dential development (maximum £2,000); £40 for every 75 square metres of floor space for commercial and industrial buildings (maximum £2,000); £40 for each tenth of a hectare for the here will be no fees erection of plant and machinery fees.

for each tenth of a hectare for the excavation and working of minerals (maximum £3,000).

There will be a flat fee of shopfronts, house extensions and car parks, and of £40 for changes of use, playing fields and advertising hoardings. Disabled people applying for permission to improve access to, or the facilities of, their homes will be exempt from paying

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who serve on the Churches Council for Covenanting and who have already publicly dissented from the proposals, have now published The Covenant: 1 10 years ago that it be restored, there have protested planning dis-ents about its future. owners, the Crown Commissioners, said lay that they had been since 1958 to secure the a Re-assessment, a pamphlet setting out more arguments for rejecting the proposals. They are the Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev Graham Leonard; Canon Peter Boulton and Mr. restoration, together at of neighbouring build-Chester Gate and Albany

O. W. H. Clark. The synod will be asked to agree that final approval of the proposals should require a prospective redevele prospective redevel-had been deterred by he commissioners des-75 per cent majority of all members, in addition to the two-thirds majority in each as planning and econo-instraints. A fourth, house which the standing com-mittee has recommended. That Properties, received consent last month appeal to the Secretary additional requirement, to be proposed by the Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev Colin James, is also likely to have Anglo-Catholic support. for the Environment. rain difficulty, which ies to individual build-

ome of the other Nash appears to be Camden rejuctance to sanction The pamphlet takes the battle for the covenant into the other camp by discussing and then rejecting the pro-covenant theo-logy of one of the Roman use whereas their use as private resi-s become prohibitively

maximum of £1,000.

For full applications the fees will be: £40 a unit for resiated cost of maintaindevelopment control

(maximum £2,000); and £20 £20 for such things as fences,

Madrid, Feb 17

Senor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo goes before Parliament tomorrow to seek a vote of confidence and so become, he hopes, Spain's next Prime Minister.

Today, however, be was still highly uncertain as to whether he could obtain enough votes. In spite of days of negotiating with the small parties in the Cortes he has failed to enlist the support of the 11 MPs required, together with the 165 the Centre Democratic Union (UCD) can muster, to obtain a majority in the 350-member Lower House

The Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) has been alienated by the death of Jose Ignacio Arregui, a suspected ETA terrorist, during nine days of interrogation by the Madrid police.

A party spokesman today indicated "ar best" the PNV would abstain. It might vote "No", along with the Socialists and Communists, if Senor José Rosón, the outgoing Interior Minister, failed to give satisfactory answers in Parliament later roday when ques- anyth tioned on the Arregui scandal, case.

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No certainty | Police chiefs resign en masse as Spanish Parliament debates Basque suspect's death in custody

From Our Own Correspondent Madrid, Feb 17

director-general Spanish police, five chiefs of departments dealing with state security, and about 200 senior police officers resigned today. Señor Juan José Roson, the

Minister of the Interior, said on radio tonight that he would not attempt to prevent the six lead-ing officials from resigning. He insisted, however, that the police chiefs would stay on until new heads of the security departments had been selected.

The resignation brought immediate tension for it was evident to all that the police chiefs, discontented for months about the fight against Basque terrorism, had moved just as Parliament began to debate responsibility for the death, while undergoing interrogation by Madrid police, of Senor José

Ignacio Arregui, a suspected Basque terrorist. Señor Mañuel Ballesteros, the police intelligence chief, main-tained that his resignation was for "professional and personal reasons" denying that it had anything to do with the Arregui

racks had appealed for resignations en masse as an expres-sion of solidarity with the five Madrid police inspectors who have been detained while an investigating magistrate examines them for allegedly con-ducting the interrogation sessions on Señor Arregui.

Señor Rosón, in the debate tonight, said that the Government was not aware of any "abnormality" in the Arregui

The news of the police resignations came as Senor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo was said to be putting the finishing touches to a speech he is to deliver tomormajority after a three-day de-bare he will become Spain's Demonst

next Prime Minister.

The gravity of the police move lies in the fact that after the sudden resignation of Senor Adolfo Suares on January 29, Spain has had only a caretaker

As the outery over the death

A poster put up today in one of Senor Arregui was spreadof Madrid's main police bar-racks had appealed for resigna- Senor Isidro Etrabe, another suspect arrested at the same time was held incommunicado in a basement cell with a bullet wound in his shoulder and was interrogated for 12 days before being taken to hospital.

Doctors at the Carabanchal prison hospital planned the operation today to remove the bullet.

A judge today ordered five policemen arrested earlier in connexion with the death after suspected torture of Senor Arregui to be detained pend-A post-mortem examination showed that the deceased had row to Parliament before a vote burns on the soles of both feet of confidence. If he obtains a and bruises all over his face

> Demonstrations and protest marches were held throughout

the Basque region
The huge rurnout in yester day's marches called by parties sympathizing with the ETA Spain has had only a caretaker terrorist organization showed Government pending Parliathat the Medrid Government's ment's approval of a new Adcontrol over public order in ministration.

EEC delays El Salvador aid decision

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Feb 17

The European Community is to send a package of emergency food and relief aid to El Salvador so as to give time for con-sultation with the United

An American mission, led by Mr Lawrence Eagleburger, the assistant Secretary of State, is touring European capitals to canvass support for the El Sal-

Mr Eagleburger, who saw Nato ambassadors today and is to have talks with Mr Gaston Thorn, the President of the European Commission tomorrow, has also brought with him a mass of documentation on Soviet military aid to the leftwing guerrillas in El Salvador.

The Americans apparently fear that the Community aid, which would be distributed to non-government organizations would find its way into the hands of the guerrillas. The aid includes about £200,000 of emergency relief of cereals and other foodstuffs.

Soviet arms: The United States Soviet arms: The United States Administration will issue a White Paper next week on the evidence of Soviet arms shipments reaching the rebels in El Salvador, Mr Eagleburger told the Nato Council in Brussels today, according to highly placed sources (Frederick Bonnart writes).

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(Exhibition of Machinery

and Mobile Equipment)

Rioting by homeless in Naples

Naples, Feb 17.—Police used raples, reb 11.—Police used tear gas to disperse hundreds of earthquake survivors who blocked a motorway for two-and-a-half hours today demanding that their neighbourhood be made eligible for government disaster assistance,

Police said that rioting began at about 6 pm when about 50 youths, armed with wooden sticks and steel bars, broke shop windows in a central area of the city, causing panic among the mostly elderly residents living theme. A 61-year-old man, whose

shop windows were destroyed, was reported to have suffered a heart attack, dying shortly after being taken to a hospital. The demonstrators lit bonfires on the streets and others who were made homeless by the November 23 earthquake and by more recent tremors occu-pied a hotel and a religious in-

stitute.

. Little progress has been made to rehouse the homeless. The Government has offered the the coast, but most say they want to live near their jobs in Naples. Many of them are living in schools, railway coaches or docked ships, according to official statistics.

The British Red Cross is

The British Red Cross is sending 22 specially produced Land-Rovers worth £550,000 to southern Italy to help mountain villages devastated by earthquakes.—AP and UPI.

The President will announce his economic programme to-morrow. He has apparently decided that a full 10 per cent income fax cut this year would produce too great a loss of



Mr Jacek Salecki, a student leader (centre) trying to quieten fellow students during a meeting at the Warsaw law sch

Polish students threaten national strike

From Dessa Trevisan Warsaw, Feb 17

Fears of a national student strike mounted as a last-minute hitch prevented an agreement between the authorities and the striking students of Lodz today. Their sit in protest has now spread to dozens of universities across the country. Many more threaten to join the strike tomorrow if the talks prove

Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the Deputy Prime Minister, has been talking to student leaders here in an effort to iron out the differences and so avoid the differences and so avoid a national university strike.

In Warsaw, the medical school and the law school are on strike in support of the 15,000 Lodz students who have already ob-tained considerable concessions from the Government, the most other universities to back them important among them the right to set up their own independent student union organization.

Greater autonomy and direct participation of students in the favour of moderation and results for an autonomous organization. There is, however, a feeling that a compromise—a half-way house between a proper trade union and a professional association.

been granted.

But the difficulty arose over the recognition of the leading role of the Communist Party which the authorities insist must be included in the statutes

of the students union. Another sticking point is the students' demand to the right to strike.

On the strike issue, Mr Janusz Gorski, the Education Minister and Government nego-

trade union.

They showed willingness to modify their stand, claiming that the Government was refusing to meet them to complete the negotiations. They asked

running of universities has also straint and has shown little de- archy has lent strong back

committed itself to negotiating it more efficient. It is to red tape, and institute di all ourstanding issues in Rzeszow, southern Poland, where several hundred peasants

have been occupying a public through sheer inefficiency building since the beginning of curring losses for the econt this year, talks are progressing Mr Stanislaw Kania, behind closed doors.

Communist Party's First-Se behind closed doors. For the time being at least, tary, today travelled to be question of recognition of Berlin for a briefing sessee Rural Solidarity union with Herr Erich Honecker, the question of recognition of the Rural Solidarity union seems to have been put aside.

But there are many open issues

concerning the farmers directly which the Government negotiators are now trying to settle. But the peasents are not likely to give up their demand for an autonomous organization.

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Reagan poll pledge may be broken

From Frank Vogl US Economics Correspondent Washington, Feb 17

President Reagan has decided to back away from his election campaign pledge to cut income taxes by 30 per cent in three equal annual instalments. It is likely that the President will angounce only a 5 per cent, income tax cut for 1981 and that this will be effective from July 1.

revenue to the Treasury and dangerously widen the budget deficit. Further, he has apparproposals to give particularly large tax cuts to better-off

The New York Times reported per cent cuts in 1982 and 1983. today that one of the prime The Wall Street Journal sugarchitects of President Reagan's gested that the tax cuts will man Jack Kemp of New York, Treasury of \$8,000m to \$9,000m 40 per cent.

is augry that the President is this year and of \$50,000m next not advocating the full 10 per cent income tax cut immediately, and he plans to propose changes to the President's proposals as soon as Congress starts work on the Tax Bill.

Mr Donald Regan the Secretary of the Treasury, also appears to have been overruled by the President in his sugges-tion of an immediate cut of 50 per cent from 70 per cent in the maximum tax rate on unearned investment income. The President has decided that this re-duction should be phased in

over three years.

Assorted versions of just what tax plans the President will announce were reported in American newspapers today. It does seem clear that the pledged income tax cut of 30

year. It also reported that the economic forecasts accompany-ing the President's proposals will show a balanced budget in 1984, along with 5.5 per cent inflation and 5 per cent real economic growth in that year. There is no doubt, however, that quite generous improvements in business depreciation

allowances will be made retro-active to January 1 of this year. Salary freeze: Mr Reagan today asked members of Congress, the judiciary and top federal government federal government executives to forgo scheduled saiary increases recommended by the Carter Administration (UPI re-

ports from Washington).
"The President decided in light of the economic conditions not to seek increases in federal per cent will be spread over executive salaries". Mr Jim four years, with 5 per cent cuts Brady, the White House press this year and in 1984, and 10 secretary, said. The decision per cent cuts in 1982 and 1983.

The Wall Street Journal suggested that the tax cuts will He said some of the increases

Greek airman has nose

put out of joint From Our Own Correspondi Athens, Feb 17

The Greek airman really no business doing his pullon the nose-tip of one of i French-built Mirage jets, wh stopped to refuel in Greece route for Iraq.

The nose-tip bent and in the airman's efforts be o not straighten it. So, he b the tips of the other three craft in the hope that original clumsiness would

be detected. What was even more em rassing for the Greek Gov ment was the revelation the four Mirage jets, wi Iraqis at Larnaca sin Cyprus, had discreetly refue

at a Greek airport,
So the Greek Governs put out a flat denial in The whole story is pure tion", a spokesman said.

The West Bank-2: GNP increases 10 per cent a year since occupation

Palestinians fear growing reliance on Israel

From Christopher Walker Jelazoun, Feb 17.

On six mornings of every week Sayid, a tough looking former guerrilla fighter with the former guerrilla fighter with the Pepular Pront for the Liberation of Palestine, leaves this squalid refugee camp to begin the hour's drive across the pre-1967 boundary to his job in an Israeli. factory near Tel Aviv. By one of those ironies peculiar to the Middle East, his work involves building prelabricated housing units which are later sold for use in the new Jewish settlements which have been mushrooming in the occupied West Bank. Other Arabs from the camp work in the lame factory, each receiving about I3 a day in wages, with a further 50p withheld for Israeli health insurance and taxes.

"I hate my job like I hate the dirt on my clothes", explained Sayld, who at the age of 23 has already served a twoyear sentence in an Israeli jail for a security offence. "I realize that I am helping to build the walls that oppress the Palestinians, but it is the only work I could find. I have to

By virtue of his type of em-ployment, Sayid is an extreme but telling example of the rapidly growing interdepend-ence between the West Bank and Israeli economies. According to the latest estimates, he is one of more than 75,000 West Bankers who commute with that of the occupied Gaza regulatly to Israel about 35 Strip, has risen by about 10

providing Israel with a valuable pool of unskilled and cheap labour. Although forming only about 6 per cent of Israel's total workforce, the workers in Israel's construction the West Bank Arabs provide about 30 per cent of the

Parallel to this boom in unskilled employment, lack of investment in the West Bank, "We no longer have a real economy, we are simply being age of jobs there for the growing number of skilled or educated Palesthians, This has combined with the lure of high salaries in the oil-rich Gulf states to accelerate immigration

Israel, the neighbouring occupy-ing power. The growth of de-pendence has been the price paid by the Arabs for an un-precedented increase in local prosperity, marked both by a dramatic rise in the ownership of consumer durables and much improved services such as roads, telephones and electricity. International researchers now

estimate that the area's gross national product, combined with that of the occupied Gaza

anxious to defend the Government's record in the West Bank.
Many Palestinian leaders fear
that the economic dependence
could be one of the most telling
factors enabling Israel to maintain its hold over the WestBank, with much of the blame laid at the door of the Arab states who are accused of fail-

sume Israeli goods and services", claimed Mr Elias Freij,
the Mayor of Bethlehem and
president of its chamber of
commerce. "There has been among this social class to record among this social class to record the economic infrastructure which might serve a future economy has become more and more integrated with that of the social class to record the economic experts calculated the reliable with that of the reliable with that of the reliable with that of the reliable with t

that 90 per cent of the West Bank's imports now come from Israel. In the Arab towns and villages the flood of Israeli produce is visible everywhere. with prices in the crowded Arab sougs usually quoted in Israeli shekels and the high-valued Jordanian dinar little in evidence; except as a means of keeping savings.

In an Arab supermarket near Manger Square in Bethlehem I noted that as well as the milk,

per cent of the occupied region's total workforce of 217,000.

Morning and night, fleets of antiquated buses carrying the Arab labourers travel to and from all the West Bank towns, providing Israel with a value ment's record in the West Bank towns, ment's reco Haifa. During the 13 year occupation the Palest shopkeeper had also succe in mastering almost fi

Hebrew. Although West Bank complain bitterly about hi to inherit the crippling el mon Israel's runaway infle n which is now over 150 per ter the majority are prepare concede that the occupation sharply improved living s ards. What causes the gre ment in West Bank industry agriculture, a failure certa , cause serious difficulties v. region's future ability to tion outside Israel's econ

One reason for this lac 1. Israel's total absorption of local Arab banking sy mandanter potent deterrent heen the general lack of lifedence and certainty about the Bank's future West Bank's future.

In recent years the only of Palestinian investment vehas been booming is house i. struction, often leading to appearance of grotesquelt nate and expensive villas v serve a convenient dual : pose : providing a hedge ag ; unaway inflation and a phy barrier against further Is Manger Square in better wilk. The first article in this line of that as well as the milk. The first article in this butter, wine and cigarettes part series appeared yester Sters fa

Two films lead the Oscar nominations

Los Angeles, Feb. 17—The films Raging Bull, which tells the brutal life story of boxer Jake Lamotta, and The Elephant Man, the story of a pitifully deformed man, led the Hollywood Oscar nominations today with eight each.

The stars of the two films, Robert De Niro, who plays Lamotta, and Britain's John Hurt, were dominated for best actor award.

The winners will be announ-

Lok Sabha MPs debate with their fists From Kuldio Nayar

Delhi, Feb 17

MPs came to blows in the Indian Parliament for the first time today.

Fighting broke out in the Lok Sabha (Lower House) after Mr Hiralai Parmar; a Congress (I) member and a Harijan, alleged that opposition supporters had amputated the limbs of Harijans during the current agita-

against the reservation of scats return to his sear, a free-for-all for Harijans in medical col- broke our.

leges. Five students have Bewildered marshals: The already died during clashes wildered marshals of the Har with police;

and senior members of both ceased when the speaker and sentor memoers of both sides intervened to separate angry MPs who were engaged in fisticuffs in the well of the House. This was where Mr Parmar moved to after making his allegation. his allegation.

tion in Gujarat.

During the past fortnight the Singh, the Minister for Pallastate has been the scene of mentary Affairs, was able to agitation by medical students persuade the Harijan MP to

Mr Balram Jhakar, the waiting for the Speaker's (The first were seen standing in a co Speaker, adjourned the House, to remove MPs. The figl

side, but it had never ca Before Mr Bhisma Narain violence in the chamber. worse incident Parliament so far witnessed was set when years ago when an oppos MP brandished a shoe.-Ag France-Presse.





Mr Reagan says US will honour in every possible respect hostage agreements with Iran

From David Cross
Yeshington, Feb 17
After nearly four weeks of
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hions committee, said that President Reagan and his advisers had decided to accept and implement fully the agree-ments because this would be n the best interests of the Inited States.
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sekind the new Administrainnounced in the next few lays, he said.

Senator Percy was opening he first of what will be a whole series of congressional tearings into the events surounding the 14-month hostage risis. His committee is looking rincipally at the details of the inal agreements which have pecome known as the Algiers declarations.

Jeclarations.

The documents which were signed in the Algerian capital in the final hours of President Carter's Administration last month provided among other points, for the return to Iran of part of its assets frozen in the United States. the United States.

In another hearing room on Capitol Hill, the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives today began a separate investigation into the

affair beginning with the seizure of the American Embassy in Tehran in November 1979. Yet another hearing by the Senate banking committee into the financial ramifications of the Algiera declarations is due to open on Thursday.

During today's Senate hearing, Senator Percy said that he applauded the decision by President Reagan and Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, to honour the agreements concluded by their predecessors. It showed the world that the United States had full continuity of government he said tiquity of government, he said.

timity of government, he said.

The chairman of the foreign relations committee who is a moderate Republican, also fulsomely congratulated Mr Edmund Muskie, the former Secretary of State, and Mr Warren Christopher, his former deouty, for their extraordinary skill in handling the negotiations for the release of the hostages.

grieved party.

The main objections put forward by the critics to the agreements focus on provisions to assist Iran in legal suits undertaken in the United States to seek the return of property belonging to the late Shah and members of his family, as well as steps to prevent the former hostages from suing the Iranian authorities for personal damages during their confinement. "The country owes a debt of gratitude to you and President Carter", be told the two men who appeared as witnesses at today's opening hearing.

By all accounts, however, Senator Percy's enthusiasm for the agreements is not shared by President Reagan and his senior advisers. They are reported to have agreed to honour the Algiers declarations somewhat grudgingly, largely because they want to put the affair behind them and to avoid reopen-

Ayatollah Khomeini's son attacks ruling party

Hojatoleslam Ahmad Kho-meini, the son of Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian leader, has made a vehement denunciahas made a vehement deaunciation of those who condone violence to suppress opposition.

The morning newspaper Mizan today carried a lengthy letter from Hojatoleslam Khomeini to Parliament which was a thinly disguised attack on the Muslim fundamentalists who rule Iran.

"It cannot be the case that no one is secure in this country

no one is secure in this country except those who obey the clubwielders", he said, using a term that generally describes the "followers of the party of God" who have repeatedly

God " who have repeatedly taken to the streets to silence moderare and leftist opposition to the fundamentalists."

"The current of club-wielding is one of the worst and most horrifying problems and if we do not rise to cure it quickly nothing will remain it will overcome all political currents", he said:

The hojatoleslam does not The hojatoleslam does not necessarily reflect his father's opinion. Last June Ayatollah Khomeini gave his son a public dressing down after he had sprung to the defence of a leftis-Islamic group.

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An Iranian soldier uses a cable to drag a wounded comrade to safety during fighting with Iraqi forces in the Iranian town of Hoveyseh.

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two meetings organized by Ayatollah Rassan Lahouti, an MP who supports President Bani-Sadr in his fight against Some newspapers have said

an assassination attempt was involved, but there is no evidence to support this. Peports indicate that when Ayatollah Lahouti attempted to : 23 in the Caspian Sea town of Rasht, his meeting was broken up by fundamentalists who took him prisoner in a manue for two hours.

The day after this guns were fired as a gang broke up a similar meeting. Avatollah Lahousi's wife was dragged from her car and assaulted.

Hojatoleslam Khomeini described Ayatollah Lahouti as a man "tortured in (the Shah's) prisons more than all the other clergymen" and he criticized two of the country's leading newspapers, Kaphan and Ettelgat which are backed by the fundamentalists, and the

Tehran rules out deal on detained **Britons**

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent
Any idea that the four
Britons held in Iran might bereleased as part of a bargain, like the American hostages, was firmly and categorically denied by a senior Iranian official

yesterday.

The four were not hostages and there was no question of a price for their release, he said. They were hedd on accusa-tions of spying and it was up to the Department of Justice how their case was resolved.

These latest comments on the detained Britons made by Dr Chafori, governor of the province of Khorramshahr, who on the occasion of the second anniversary of the Iranian revo-

Speaking at the offices of the Iranian Oil Company yes-terday, where an exhibition on the revolution will be held next weekend, Dr Ghalori said be had no details of the charges, against the four. He indicated that the allegations against them covered matters such as "making contact with opposi-tion groups" and "giving infor-mation which involved the security of the country".

Despite persistent questioning, however, Dr Ghafori had little new to add about the situation of the hostages.

So far as Western arms were concerned, the Iranian Government had made it clear it was ready to buy from any country ready to sell to it, he said, pro-vided no conditions were

Zimbabwe to disarm both guerrilla factions

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Feb 17

The 22,000 Zanla and Zipra former guerrillas who have not ver been integrated into the new Zimbabwean National Army are to be "systematically

This was announced today by Mr Emmerson Mnausagwa, the recently promoted military supremo and chairman of the Joint High Command which comprises the leaders of the former Zanla and Zipra querrilla armies as well as the former Rhodesian security

Mr Mnangagwa did not say how long the disarming process would take but said that it had already begun with the disarming over the past two days of Zanla and Zipra guerrillas who were involved in the bloody shoot-out in Entumbate township in Bula-ways which resulted in about

The continued existence of two heavily armed rival forces has been one of the main problems facing the Government of Mr Robert Mugabe since Zimbabwe became independent last April. There have been a number of violent incidents involving the two forces including a pitched battle between them in Entumbane last November.

If the guerrillas can now be successfully disarmed this should go some way to preven-ting a repetition of the sort of actional fighting experienced

that tough action would be taken against any formet guerrilla who tried to bide weapons while the disarming process was taking place.

Mr Mnangagwa said he did Army are to be "systematical, in the present British van parties in the part not plan to make any changes battalions despite the factional violence which took place in three of the battalions last

> Equal numbers of Zanla and Equal numbers of Zania and Zipra are being amalgamated into each of the new hattalions. The two rival groups within the three battalions affected by last week's violence have since been separated in order to be the property of the president to cook the cook. allow time for passions to cool; but the minister made it clear that they would be reintegrated at a later date.

Four disciplinary commis-ions are being set up to look into last week's unrest. The minister said their job would be to establish the identity of those guilty of offences against military discipline, to find out who the ringleaders were and recommend what disciplinary action should be taken saginst

The composition of the commissions will be similar to the Joint Righ Command. Each will consist of two senior officers from Zanla and Zipra and two from the former security forces. Mr Mnangagwa gave warning that any further attempts to disrupt thenational army would be dealt with "with the full strength of the resources now ast week. available to the Joint High Com-The minister gave warning mand".

tunate episode would be seen in retrospect as "a sound and successful application of our preference for settling disputes by peaceful means". official radio and television for not reporting the attack. Afghan insurgents await melting of snow to step up war on Russians

From Trevor Fishlock
Peshawar, Feb 17
In their second year of fighting the Soviet Army of occupation, Afghan guerrillas are evidency in good heart.

Indeing by the demeanour of tribesmen passing through the frontier city of Peshawar the appetite for the struggle remains as strong as ever. Insurgent groups say they are lookgent groups say they are look-

licans like Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Senator Sam Hayakawa of California, made it clear at today's hear-ings that they shared these mis-

ings that they shared these mis-givings.
Senator Helms asked Mr Christopher pointedly whether he thought an agreement ob-tained under duress had any legal validity, while Senator Hayakawa said that the basic tone of the Algiers declarations implied that the United States was the villain and Iran the as-

was the villain and Iran the ag-

There is also seme dissuis-faction at the plan contained in the Algiers declarations to set up an international claims tri-

bunal to rule on claims for

damages taken out against Iran by American firms.

Both Mr Muskie and Mr

Christopher argued convincingly

at today's Senate bearing that the United States had emerged from the crisis with its bonour

intact. The former Secretary of State thought the whole unfor-

grieved party.

ing forward to the melting of the snows next month and inten-sification of the war. In spite of their losses, the guerrillas feel they have not done too badly in the past year. Although their weaponry is no match for the enemy's advanced equipment, especially the tanks and helicopter gunships, they feel that their fighting perform-ance shows they can endure for

If they are disappointed by the meagre response to their appeals for arms to the West and the Islamic world they do not disclose is to outsiders. have been getting through to them, but they have not been sent the requested anti-rank and anti-aircraft guns, missiles and rockets.

many years.

The Mujahidin guerrillas are no better armed than they were either brought over to the

a year ago. But they have grown to recognize that to a large ex-tent they have to rely on their own resources. With a dash of bravado they are asserting their independence and say they no longer want to be seen begging for arms. This attitude results also from their growing confi-dence in their ability to hold their own against immense

"As long as there are Russians in Afghanistan we shall have no difficulty in getting the weapons we need", a spokesman for Hezbe Islami, one of the largest of the Peshawarbased insurgent groups, said

"It is true we are short of anti-sucraft and anti-tank guns. But, insh Allah (God willing), all these things will be captured from the Russians in time. Look at out men; they are armed by the Russians and clothed by the

Afghan Army."
Sovier automatic rifles are by no means an uncommon sight in marts of Peshawar. And scores of Afghans look rather jaunty in smart, new Afghan Inside Afghanistan, rifles are occasionally taken from dead soldiers, but are more often

Army, or sold and bartered by Afghan and Soviet soldiers,

Guns are sometimes given in exchange for marijuana, and the development of the clan-destine arms trade in Afghanistan has pushed down the price of ammunition for Soviet-made Kalashnikov rifles to about 12p a round in some areas. In other parts, however, bullets are

A Kalashnikov rifle can be bought on the frontier for not less than £1,500. But, according to one of the insurgent groups, it can cost a quarter of that price inside Afghanistan.

Many mujahidin still fight with the Lee Enfield 303, a familiar sight in this region. It is still manufactured in con-

is still manufactured in con-siderable quantity on the fron-tier, although the quality of materials means that the life of many of these guns is

Nevertheless, the tribesmen's mastery of, and familiarity with, rifle and terrain, as well as their stamina, love of fightas their stamina, love of right-ing and murderous hatred of Russian "infidels", help them to reduce the gap created by the mismatch of fire power. "The Russians certainly have the better equipment", the BALUCHISTAN

Hezbe Islami spokesman said. But not the better men and morale."

There is evidence, too, that some of the mujaludin are prac-rising a more effective form of guerrilia warfare. Instead of taking part in ragged charges and disorganized ambushes, more of them are setting out on sorties with clear objectives and well-laid plans of attack, supply and withdrawal.

Although winter has reduced the level of fighting, the hos-pitals of Peshawar are still tribesmen, many with limbs injured or blown off by mines laid by the Russians last spring

and summer.

There is no let-up in the flow

from Jalalabad, and fairly close to the Pakistan border, have been reduced to rubble and its people have fled. The Kunar valley, along which Alexander show northern Pakistan, has received particular attention received particular attention and particular attention attention and particular attention attention and particular attention attention and particular attention at

There was a heavy influx of refugees into the North-West Frontier Province in December and January, bringing the num-ber there to 1,200,000 settled in 250 camps. Another 250,000 are in Baluchistan, to the south.

A larger number of the new arrivals are in poorer health than among their predecessors and more are suffer-ing from malnutrition. This evidence, as well as reports of food shortages and the destruc-tion of crops by the Russians. seem to justify concern among some of the insurgent groups that food may become a problem for them in the months

In spite of the continuing and local people in the frontier region remains fairly barmonious. There were some squabbles over land and water, and some of refugees. Many villages in gunfights, last year, but there the Kunar valley, running north have been no comparable

The loose grouping of insurgett groups in Peshawar has, to no one's surprise, finally crumbled. It existed, essentially, on paper, having been formed in an attempt to prescut a united front, especially to the Arab world, as a way of attracting money for guns.

The differences in outlook between the leaders made fragpolitical and personality clashes, between the leaders made frag-mentation inevitable. There are about 10 main groups or parties based in Peshawar, and perhaps a dozen smaller ones. Their philosophies range from fierce Islamic fundamentalism to moderate democratic liberalism

The Hazebe Islami man said: " The removal of the Russians is only part of the struggle. Once they have been driven out, once Babrak Karmal has fallen, our goal is to create. an Islamic state in Afghan-

HEATHROW ,

General says 500 Soviet tanks threaten S Africa

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg, Feb 17

More than 500 Russian tanks are poised close to South Africa's borders ready to the country, according to General. Magnus Malan, the new Defence Minister.

The general, who was for-merly chief of the armed forces, made the claim in Parliament in his maiden speech. He still has to win a seat, although pre-sumably that will come at the general election on April 29. General Malan's speech was

pretty hot stuff even by South African standards. Reds under the bed there must be; after the regular appearances on television of Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, there can be few South Africans who do not take a peek under the bedstead at night to ensure a peaceful night's rest, But tanks

that is another ball game.

According to General Malan,
in Angola there are 300 Russian tanks, 350 Russian armoured cars and 400 infantry combat vehicles, and a considerable number of fighter aircraft, including Mig21s. In Mozambique, he said,

400 armoured cars, Mig21 air-craft and anti-aircraft weapons. It added up, the general claimed, to a direct threat of conventional assault against South Africa. It was one reason, he said, why South African forces had recently attacked a headquarters base of the African National Congress at

Matola, near the Mozambican capital of Maputo. managing director He urged neighbouring states

to accept the offers by Mr.
Pieter Rotha, the Prime
Minister, of non-aggression
pacts—or else. They would lose
any fight against South African forces, he said. Nobody challenged General Malan's figures, for presum-ably South African military intelligence in this regard is

Nobody, for instance, asked the general about the range of a Russian tank—how it will get from Angola to South Africa, through Namibia (South-

West Africa) Generals are scustomed to having their opinions questioned and weary parliamentarians were obviously being nice to him.

Croat nationalist on trial for political interviews

Belgrade, Feb 17.—The first important trial of a political dissident in Yugoslavia since the death of President Tito last May started today in the north-

western city of Zagreb. Tanjug news agency said former Army General Franjo Tudman, a Croatian historian, was charged with "maliciously and falsely representing socio-political conditions" in the country in interviews with

oreign media. In October, 1972, Mr Tudjman was sentenced to two years im-prisonment for "criminal acrs against the state and people". He had claimed that nationalism in Croatia, one of the six republics and two autonomous provinces that make up federal

He now faces up to 10 years in jail on the new charges, which arise from interviews he gave in January and May last year to West German television and French radio.

The Yugoslav authorities confiscated the tapes of the inter-views, which were never broadcast, but the prosecutor said they nevertheless constituted hostile propaganda".

Mr Tudjman had said in the interviews that Croatia was ne-glected by the federal Govern-ment and that anyone who stood up for Croatian rights was branded either a separatist or nationalist conservative.

He said in a deposition published earlier that his rem

Front-line African summit condemns Pretoria raids

Lusaka, Feb 17 .- Five Southern African leaders today condemned South Africa for its continued military attacks on eighbouring states and for the failure of last month's Geneva talks on independence for

Namibia (South-West Africa). The presidents of Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia and Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zim-babwe, said in a communique issued after five hours of talks in Lusaka that they were deeply concerned by "South Africa's

destabilization policy in the

in mid-session by an Angolan delegation led by Mr Pasqual Livualo, a member of the Polit-buro of the ruling MPLA, and by Mr Sam Nujoma, the presi-dent of the South-West Africa People's Organization, In their communique, the leaders singled out for specific condemnation what they ralled

condemnation what they called South Africa's continued train-Mozambique, Zambia and Zim-babwe—Reuter.

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Ministers fall out in Thailand over oil negotiations year lease to the Summit Indus- Chatichai Choonhavan, Minister threatened with dismissal and trial Corporation (Panama) of of Industry, went to Saudi investigation by the anti-corrup-

From Neil Kelly Bangkok, Feb 17

A political dispute involving three Cabinet ministers has broken out in Thailand where the Government has terminated nine years early a foreign company's lease of an oil refinery.

All political parties and the military support the Government's action, the first of its kind against a foreign company have caused bitter arguments may lead to Cabinet ges. A senior minister threatened to dismiss his deputy and another said that the actions of the junior minister should be investigated by the

enti-corruption committee.

the Bangchak refinery which refines 65,000 barrels a day, 40 per cent of Thailand's refinery

capacity. He criticized the company for the way it ran the refinery and accused it of having frequently broken the terms of its agree-

ment with the Government. Labour disputes which are rare in Thailand have been in Thailand, but related events frequent at the refinery and governments recent the management for blamed them. The termination of the lease came after the arbitary dismissal of 20 workers which threatened to cause violent reaction elsewhere.

The Government had not felt General Prem Tinsulanonda, confident about ending the the Prime Minister, last Saturlease until its own crude oil day abruptly terminated the 25-

of Industry, went to Saudi Arabia and concluded a contract for the necessary supplies.

On his return, he accused "hooded men" in the Cabinet of sabotaging his negotiations by sending Telex messages to the Saudi Government saying that he was not authorized to negotiate for oil. The Prime Minister had to send a personal message to the Saudi Govern-

ment denying the allegations. separately negotiating with a Hongkong trading company for Saudi Arabian oil which was to cost Thailand an extra *(£1.66) a hongkong trading trading trading to the company for the company fo Later it was disclosed that (£1.66) a barrel in commission to the Hongkong company.

Mr Visit who has

investigation by the anti-corruption committee, said today "Reports of scandals in oil deals are unfounded."

The Summir company is registered in Panama. Its head office is in New York but its shareholders listed as "unavailable" remain a mystery. A Rongkong Chinese naturalized in Theiland, is the managing

Colonel Chamlong Srimuang

secretary general to the Prime

subsidiary which operates 300 petrol stations in Thailand but its activities are unlikely to be

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of the defendant's assets to which

of the defendant applies is within his possession or control. Such an undertaking should be drawn so as to affect only those persons, other than the defendant, served with

notice of the terms of the injunc-

uotice of the terms of the injunction, such as a hank.

Mr Justice Robert Goff, in the Commercial Court, conditionally granted an ex parte application made by the plaintiffs, Searose Ltd (trading: as European Container Services), for a Mareva injunction restraining the defendants, Searain UK Ltd, from disposing of asymmetry in any bank account of the defendants with Williams & Glyn's Bank Ltd. Moseley Street, Manchester, save in so far as such assets or, moneys exceeded £44,000, which was the amount of the plaintiffs' claim against the defendants for damages for breach of contract.

Mr David Hear for the plaintiffs. HIS LORDSHIP said that he granted the order for the injunc-

From Douglas Aiton Melbourne, Feb 17

The issue of tax reform is threatening the stability of the Australian coalition Govern-ment and Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister, and Mr Douglas Anthony, the Deputy Prime Minister, have been thrown into public conflict.

The controversy began as something of a joke, with no one really taking seriously Mr Anthony's tacit endorsement of suggestion by the Queensland National Party (formerly Country Party) that Australia should introduce a system making every wage earner pay 20 per cent tax on income. Sceptics dubbed the proposal the "flat earth" theory. But it has become the main

issue of the impending by-election for the seat of Macpherson, which is part of the Queensland Gold Coast. .The by-election was caused

by the death of Mr Eric Robinson, former Liberal Einance Minister. Mr Robinson was a fierce opponent of the Queensland National Party, and this probably because of this that the party is fielding a candidate in the by-election against the Liberal candidate. This is somewhat unusual as the Liberal Party and the National Party form the federal coalition, with Mr Fraser the Liberal leader and Mr Anthony the National leader.

A 20 per cent flat rate of taxation is not generally con-sidered a feasible solution simply because the Government would not reap enough money —a flat rate of around 35 per cent is thought to be a more realistic figure. This would be a cruel burden for low income

Australia currently has a progressive income tax system, with most people paying around 30 per cent. High income carners pay more, or are supposed to, and low income earners pay less.

The drawback of the system is that the wealthy usually employ accountants to set up various tax avoidance schemes -like family trusts and private companies—so that their tax is dramatically reduced.

The burden of taxation has always been borne by the middle income wage earner, whose tax is automatically de-ducted from his pay.

Such has been the heat generated by the tax issue that today scheduled discussions of texation options were taken off the agenda of a Cabinet meeting to avoid the possibility of a clash between Mr Anthony and Mr John Howard, the

ederal Treasurer. Mr Howard said last week that he was surprised that Mr Anthony had continued to support a flat rare taxation The by-election is next Satur

day and Mr Anthony has said that he will take the proposal to Cabinet if the National Party candidate wins.

There is an doubt that reform has been biased in favour of. the wealthy since federation in 1901. A special conference attended by the Prime Minister and the six state premiers is likely to be held in April to discuss the matter.

But whether Mr Anthony is serious about supporting his Queensland colleagues or not, it is unlikely that such a motion as a 20 per cent flat tax rate will be discussed at the meet-

down outside.

They numbered about 1,500

people of all ages and classes.
Many of them were seated on
wooden and tin chairs trying to
keep as still, and consequently

as cool, as possible.
"Most of them were standing,

antique ceiling fans
On the left of the hall bung

the white and blue national

flag, on the right the red and black colours of the Sandinista National Liberation Front

The people listened closely while Comandante Daniel

Ortega, a Sandinista member of

he five-man junta governing

Nicaragua, urged them to join the militia.

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fightly packed, down two sides 1979.



The Pope greeting President Marcos of the Philippines and his wife. Mrs Imelda Marcos, at Malacanang Palace, Manila, vesterday

Turks count cost of curbing terror

From Mario Modiano Ankara, Feb 17

Turkey's grim statistics of violence show that the country's military tulers have had remarkable success in curbing terrorism since they seized power on September 12. But what worries people in Western Europe is the probable cost of this success in terms of human

rights.

In the four and a half months that preceded the coup, 1.479 people were killed and 2.788 injured as a result of terrorist action, between September 12 and the end of last month, the death toll was 328 -two fifths of them terrorists or suspects-and the number of injured was down to 499.

The regime says it is holding just over 12,000 people out of 34,000 detained since the coup. Of these 9,147 have been charged and 2,512 have b convicted. The martial law authorities are currently investigating some 25,000 cases of terrorist activity.

Throughout Turkey, in rail-

way stations, ports, and airports, posters are on display with the portraits of scores of wanted terrorists or suspects both from the extreme right

and the extreme left.

Their numbers diminish each Their numbers diminish each ments, policemen were apt to day as the regime improves its suffer from being too efficient intelligence system. Already a in the wrong direction. Secondly, it encouraged citi-Ministry, which ensures a 24 zens to give the authorities in-

check the identity of a suspect within 10 minutes instead of one month, as hitherto. The

centre is now to be com-puterized. On the debit side, at least three people are acknowledged to have died while in detention as a result of torture or brutality. What, of course, re-mains unknown is the number of people who may have been

tortured and survived,

One ray of hope is that the
ruling military have shown
willingness to investigate complaints and, as in the case of the three deaths, prosecute the culprits. It is a policy that could act as a deterrent to

"The key to the disruption of a terrorist cell", one security official said, "is to catch the leaders. Once this is done the others are no longer afraid to One evident reason for the generals' success is their im-

partiality in cracking down equally on both extremes, right This has had two unexpected side effects: First, it rid the police of political patronage which had crippled its effectiveness. As one Western diplomat put it: "Under political govern-

Turks (as opposed to random

killings). .The importance of new, antiterrorist legislation can hardly be underestimated. It gives the security forces the right to shoot to kill any fleeing suspect, and also to detain suspects for 90 days before they are brought before a magistrate.

This legislation of course, exposes Turkey to allegations of wholesale violation of human rights. What Western diplomats in Ankara, however, emphasize is that for all the torture stories one hears, there is no evidence that the regime uses brutality and torture systematically as a method of repression. Terture may be a practice at the lowest

level, but not a system. Most Turks are convinced that the Soviet Union and its allies are backing some of the terrorist groups to keep this country under threat of destabilization, but so far no solid evidence has been found, des-pite protests to Bulgaria over suspected gun-running along the Black Sea coast.

The regime realizes that if terrorism is to be cut to manageable proportions, it must uproot the complex ideological logistics networks that both extremes succeeded in implanting in the public administration with the tolerance of the policicians. This involves a thorough hour flow of information for formation on terrorists. Hence purge of extremists, and symthe provincial centres, can now the early arrest of those charged pathizers from key positions.

and minerals. -----

Keeping baby whale alive with affection from the waters of Long Beach that the whale ate its first meal

Ortega and Señor Eden Pastora

deputy Defence Minister, raised the question of the militia did the audience turn its full atten-

tion to the broad, stone stage. The Covernment has promised

free elections by 1985, time enough, according to the San-

dinistas, who dominate the Gov-ernment, for the Nicaraguan people to be convinced of their

Other political parties, such

as the conservative Democratic Party and the social democratic Nicaragua Democratic Move-

ment (MDN), are scornful of the numbers attracted by the Government to public meetings. They claim they have drawn

many more whenever they have

held rallies. The opposition

parties have demanded elections

carlier than 1985. Señor Alfonso

Robelo, a former member of the

Junta and secretary-general of

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles, Feb 17.

whale, rescued from the Pacific severe cuts on its tail and was Ocean off the coast of southern trying to beach itself. Blood California is making good progress today after an army of volunteers at Marineland of the Pacific worked around the clock

to keep it alive.

Thousands of Californians have been following details of the recovery of the five-ft-long mammal, believed to be the first known case of a dwarf sperm it does not inju-whale being kept alive in cap-tivity, since it was retrieved. Marineland repo

has a population of 29,000 and is 45 minutes by car from Managua, the capital, had been

chosen for what was the fortieth

or so such encounter between

the Government and people since the revolution of July,

The meetings, which anyone may attend, are designed to give the public a say in govern-

ment decisions.

Cynics claim the questions are prepared beforehand. The tears of one elderly questioner

were so spontaneous as to indicate that he at least was not involved in such a scheme, if anyone else was.

It anyone else was.

The questions dealt with such local concerns as a scarcity of land to bury the dead, hygiene and the alleged non-availability

shock of losing arms, or legs or an

eye. It sees that red-tape does not stand in the way of the right

entitlement to pension. And, for

severely handicapped and the elderly, it provides Residential

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peace and dignity.

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Sandinista rulers face the public

Granada, Nicaragua, Feb 17

"Much of the audience was noisy and the exchange of words, amplified by the loud-speakers, drowned the sound of the unseasonal rain bearing down outside.

There are prophered about 1500

A spokesman at Marineland tests were taken which showed that "this whale is definitely said the whale was sluggish but sick", a volunteer nurse said.
It was carried to Marineland. apparently enjoyed all the attention it was getting and where dozens of young volun-teers have spent the last 48 hours working four-hour shifts, just walking it slowly round a 20-fit wide tank to make sure it does not injure itself any further or dozen. liked being surrounded by .If the whale recovers com-

pletely it will be moved to a larger tank, while the curator decides whether it is safe to be not the juvenile court, and section 29 has no application.

The Divisional Court allowed an Marineland reported today kept in captivity any longer.

Protest by US

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Feb 17

was an assistant military attaché was recalled to Washington suddenly in the middle of last month after reporting the incident to his superiors.

A State Department spokes—man today declined to give any details of the incident but well-informed diplomatic sources in Moscow have said that the KGB tried to take converging

the MDN, says of the Sandinis-

over attempt at blackmail

The State Department an nounced today that it had protested to the Soviet Union about an apparent attempt to blackmail a military attaché in the American Embassy in Mos-Major James Holbrook, who

Moscow have said that the Kustried to take compromising photographs of Major Holbrook during a brief visit to the city of Royno. The sources said that the blackmail attempt which was apparently designed to recruit Major Holbrook as a spy might have involved the use of drugs.

tas: "They will give the impression of being politically pluralistic, provided this does not

Lord Carrington's visit comes at a time when relations, both diplomatic and economic, are improving after the downturn of 1979, when the Nigerian assets of British Petroleum were nationalized as part of moves to force the hand of the Thatcher Government on the

Rhodesia issue.

Nigeria is Britain's tenth largest-export market, larger than any other in Africa. British exports in 1980 totalled some

therefore, very high. Worried by the growing competition from other West European countries, Lord Carrington's first aim is to strengthen economic ties.

-No less important will be the discussions on political issues which cause friction in Anglo-Nigerian relations. One of these is the increased higher education fees for foreign students which have hit Nigeria Baron inglewood and Another v Inland Revenue Commissioners
Before Mr Justice Vinelott.
[Judgment delivered February 12]
The acquisition of an interest in possession in a share of the trust fund. In March, 1976, the trustees released the power of revocation reserved to them in the 1964 deed of appointment.

was within his possession or

That course was in accordance with the observation made by Lord Denning in Rahman (Prince

Abdul) Bin Turki al Sudary ([1980] I WLR 1268), that "when

there is a Mareva injunction.

If the people who are notified of
it are put to any expense in
regard to it, that expense must
be paid by the plaintiff.

As Mareva injunctions became

more frequent, Banks received numerous notices of injunctions

granted by the courts and they

risked proceedings for contempt of court if they acted inconsistently with them. Sometimes the injunctions identified the bank

account in question; sometimes, they identified the branch of a bank at whith a defendant was

said to have an account; some-times they identified the bank

and no more'; and it was even

possible that the bank night not be identified. Where a particular account was

1964 deed of appointment.

The trustees appealed against the two consequential assessments to capital transfer tax made on them. By consent the appeals by way of originating, summons were made directly to the High Court pursuant to paragraph 7 (3) of Schedule 4 to the Finance Act, 1975.

1975.

Paragraph 6 (2) of Schedule 5 imposes a charge to the tax "where a person becomes entitled to an interest in possession in the whole of any part of the property combrised in a settlement at a time when no such interest subsists ".

sists".

Paragraph 15 (1) of the schodule exempts from paragraph 6 (2) settlements where (a) one or more persons (in this paragraph more persons (in this paragraph referred to as beneficiaries) will, on or before attaining a specified age not exceeding twenty-five, become endided to or to an interest in possession in, the settled property or part of it; and (b) no interest in possession subsists in the settled property or part and the income from it is to be accumulated so far as not applied for the maintenance, education or benefit or a baneficiary ".

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Paragraph 15 (3) provides:
"Where no interest in possession subsists in the property comprised in a settlement or some part of that property but the conditions stated in paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-paragraph (1) above are not satisfied with respect to the property or part, then if those conditions become satisfied with respect to the property or part thereof a capital distribution

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that it was the trustees' case that, by virtue of the exemption in paragraph 15 (1), no tax became payable on Garelya acquiring a rested interest in the fund. Moreover, they classed that on the

over, the plaintiffs solicitors would no doubt be encouraged to limit any inquiry to a particular branch or to certain particular branches.
It was possible that a practice might develop under which 16 ordinary circumstances, hands

Searose Ltd v Seatrain UK-Ltd tion only on the condition, to could not reasonably complaid. Before Mr Justice Robert Coff [Judgment delivered February 16] A Mareval injunction may be granted on condition that the applicant undertakes to pay the reasonable costs incurred by a bank should incur expense in person other than the defendants, a scentaining whether are person in ascertaining whether are assert to which the order applied reasonable costs so incurred by a bank should incur expense in person of the defendants, a scentaining whether are assert to which the order applied reasonable costs so incurred by a bank should incur expense in the defendants and incur expense in ascertaining whether are asserted by the plaintiff for any assert to which the order applied reasonable costs so incurred. reasonable costs so incurred ordinary circumstances, banks Banks were not debt-collecting charged a standard fee where a agencies; they were simply in particular branch was identified. and another where it was not, if reasonable standard fees could be established to the satisfaction of the taxing master, both time and money might be saved on the taxation of costs.

where the particular branch of the bank was identified, some expense was likely to be incurred The costs of any search had to in discovering whether the de-fendant had an account at that branch; and where the branch was not specified; the bank would be put in a very difficult position. be paid by the plaintiffs on whose ex parts application the injunction had been granted. Whether they would be able to obtain an indemnity from the defendents In the present case the problem would be solved by requiring the plainaffs to give an undertaking in the terms indicated. The effect of would depend on any order as to costs which might letter be made in the litigation.

Finally, the undertaking re-quired of the plaintiffs should be so drawn as to affect only coses incurred by a person, other than the defendants, to whom notice of the order was given.

· Solicitors: Lawrence Jones &

Chancery Division

CTT due on vesting of contingent interest

Mareva injunctions: banks may get their costs

in possession in part of settled property by a beneficiary under a revocable appointment; on har attaining 21, the trustees having power to revoke the appointment ami appoint the property, in fay-our of a wide class including per-

our of a wide class including persons over 25, gives rise to a charge to capital transfer tax and the exempting provisions for "Archimulation and, maintenance settlements" in paragraph 15 of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act, 1975, do not apply.

Moreover the trustees' subsequent release of their power of revocation is itself to be treated as a "capital distribution" of remaining trust assets by virtue of paragraph 15 (3) and elso incurs liability to the tax.

His Lordship so beld in upholding a determination on the His Lordship so held in upholding a determination on the trustes of the Marwood Estate Settlement, Lord Inglewood and Mr Charles Aylmer Eade, to pay transfer tax of \$2,049 in respect of

ranser ax of 22,042 in respect of a "capital distribution" made to Miss Carolyn yane and of 235,882 in respect of a "capital distribution" being made on the execution by the trustees of the deed of release.

Pursuant to a deed in 1864, paragraphs of the capital distribution of the

property was revocably appointed to be held by the trustees on discretionary trusts for such of Lord Barnard's five children "as should attain 21 or marry under that age ": The trusts were to carry the intermediate income, and section 31 of the Trustee Act. carry the intermediate moome, and section 31, of the Irustee Act, 1925, was made applicable (power to apply income for maintenance and to accomulate surplus income during a minority). None of the children married, and in May, Queen's Bench Division

vested interest in the fund. More-over, they claimed that on the subsequent release of their power of revocation no liability arose in respect of the remaining part of the trust fund under paragraph 15 (3) because the conditions of paragraph 15 (1) (a) and (b) had already been satisfied and there-fore could not thereafter become; so satisfied that para-graph 15 (1) (a) was dealing with

the present context, citizens who were anxious not to contravene an order made by the court, an order which had been obtained on the application of, and for

the benefit of, the plaintiff. Even

such ad undertaking would be that the bank to whom notice of the Injunction was given could, before

taking steps to ascertain whether the defendant had an account at any particular brench, obtain an indemnity from the plaintiffs' Soll-

indeanity from the plaintiffs' soil-citors to pay the reasonable costs incurred in so doing. The bank would then be protected. More-

graph 15 (1) (2) was dealing with settlements where one or more persons " will " become entitled to an interest unless some art or event happens to divest them it. "Will"; he said, 'in ordinary, non-ligurative sense was a word of futurity which merely pointed to a state of affairs which was expected to come about and which happened; paragraph 15 (1) (a) was thus describing a state of affairs that would come about if the trusts of the settlement remained un-clanged and if the beneficiaries lived and attained a vested interest.

interest.

Both the possibility that the trusts affecting the settled property would be changed by the exercise of a power of repocation or appointment or by an arrangement approved by the court, and the possibility that a beneficiary with an interest contingent on straining an age not exceeding 25 or on the happening of some earlier event such as marriage, would die before the contingency

shall be treated as being made out of the property.

Mr. J. M. Price, QC and Mr. Bis Lordship said that that treu mest, albeit scholarly and inferior Mr. Peter Gibson for the Crown. . Els Lordship said that that argument, albeit scholarly and inten-ous, was impossible to uploid, Paragraph 15 (1) (at was describ-ing the conditions that had to be satisfied if a settlement was to enjoy, the protection of the para-graph. The terms of the settlement had to ensure that one or more of the beneficiaries would attain a had to ensure mat one or more of the beneficiaries would attain a vessed interest on a beneficiary attaining a specified age not exceeding 25. Thus the terms of the settlement had to provide that one or more of the beneficiaries, if they or one of them survived to the specified age, would be bound to take a vested interest on or before attaining that age. There was nothing figuretive, or unusual in that use of the word "will" in the context of a paragraph which prescribed conditions that had no be satisfied for a still-ment to be brought within paragraph 15.

Of course, a beneficiary might assign his interest or be deprived of it by an arrangement or by banksuppry before attaining a vested interest. But he was not then deprived of it under the terms of the settlement and those pessible events, unlike the exer-

possible events, utilike the exercise of a power, had to be disregarded. Paragraph 15 had to be applied at the time when the question whether it applied fall to be decided. A settlement that fell within it at one time might at another time fall outside it because it had been varied or because a beneficiary had assigned

(1) could not apply to the trus-tees, and accordingly both assess-ments to the tax had to be upbeld in principle. Solicitors: Trower, Still & Keeling; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

The exemption in paragraph 13

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of section 29 of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1963, as amended, ate not "begun" until a defendant has been brought be-fore a court for the first time in connexion with the offence charged. Accordingly, where a person under 17 years of, age, 18 charged with an offence and he attains the age of 17 before his first appearance in court, the proper terms for the proceedings is the adult magistrates court and

application for judicial review by the defendant, Dean Edward Wil-son, and quashed a finding of guilt against him by justices sitting as a juvenile court at Amersham, Buckinghamshire, in respect of an offence of robbers an offence of robbery.

He had been sentenced to three

Employees' dishonesty led

to casinos ban, QC says.

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delivering the judgment of the court, said that the defendant's complaint was that he was denied at said by a judge and hay and was instead tried and sentenced by justices sitting as a juvenile court. When the offence was alleged against him and when he was charged, the defendant was under the age of 17. After being charged on October 31, 1980, he was remanded on police bail to appear before the juvenile court on November 11. Meanwhile, on November 6, he attained the age November 6, he attained the age of 17 and, for the purposes of the of 17 and, for the purposes of the criminal law, became an adult and was no longer a young person. Relying upon section 29 of the 1963 Act, the fustices thought that they could breat him as a juvenile.

Section 29 was concerned with what was to happen if a young person attained the age of 12 and became the concern of the adult magistrates, coust before the end

He had been sentenced to three mounts in a detention centre.

Section 29 of the 1963 Act, as amended by Section 72 (3) and (4) of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1959, provides:

"Where proceedings in respect consistent with the statutory of a young person are begun agreed for the end of the proceedings against him in a juvenile court. The section was consistent with the statutory approach, manifested by section chuston of the proceedings, the agree of seventeen before the conclusion of the proceedings, the court may deal with the case and make any order which it could have made if he had not attained that age."

It was on the defendant first

It was on the defendant first appearing or being brought before a court that his age was fixed for the purpose of all the provisions, even though a different approach was suggested in Ex purte Jones and R v St Albans Juvenile Court, Ex purte Godman (The Times, December 16, 1980).

The judgments in the latter case showed that (1) counsel for the justices piaced no reliance upon section 29; (2) both counsel were agreed that it related only to questions or trial; and (3) the court did not really consider section 29, which was not even mentioned in the judgment. If Lord Justice Ackings, In the present case both counsel were agreed that section 29 related to questions of trial and disposal.

Without dissenting, from Lord, justice Ackings, observations in Godman's case that the common law right to trial by Jury was not to be lightly removed, nevertheless, section 29 had that effect when it applied in fact, section

the defendant in the present case since he first appeared before the juvenile court after he had become 17, but it would have applied in Godman's case where the defendance of appeared before the count while he was still 16.
In view of that construction of section 20, those who arrested and cherged or laid infurmations against persons who might soon become 17 should take all reason-

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owners are, respectively, Lon-rho, Grand Metropolitan and Aspinalls. Together with Crock-fords, which is under a differ-ent licensing district, they are continuing to trade until the appeal has been heard. The offences were permitted by employees and directors of Coral casings transing from

Coral casinos ranging from junior cashiers to Mr Bernard Coral, then chairman of the gaming commission, counsel

Most of the offences, he said, we're committed between 1974 and 1978 for people to line their own pockets; but some were on the orders of senior members of staff for the benefit of the group. Senior management who discovered the situation were con-cerned that the clubs might lose their licences if the offences came to light. All employees were allowed to remain in their jobs and in

mined to get it back. Over three days Mr Watts brought in experienced staff and the punter lost £550,000. He paid with cheques rather than by buying casino chips.

Mr Marriage said the Metropolitan Police believed the new owners of the clubs should not be allowed to buy into a cancelled licence without going through the procedure. The hearing continues today.

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ere were far fewer pits to be sed than had been rumoured i similarly, there would be far ver jobs lost than had been moured, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister, said when she saked about the miners' strike ring question time.

Michael Foot, Leader of the positon (Ebbw Vale, Lab) had ted Mrs Thatcher about the wing coal crisis.

while we are extremely grateful; said) that the Government has indeded the stance which Mrs atther appeared to be taking t week on Tuesday and Thursagainst having the tripartite eting I osked for, it is absurd t the country should have to it until next Monday for that eting to take place. eting to take place.
Vill she give orders that it said take place at once? s Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, The Secretary of State for ergy (Mr David Howell) will be ang a meeting with the National al Board and the National Union

al Board and the National Union Mineworkers.

It was at first fixed for next aday because it was thought to ryone. Since then a message has ne with a request for an earlier ening. The Secretary of State I be making a statement about but it is expected to take place norrow (Wednesday).

Foot: I thank her once again having agreed to the proposal lich the NUM put forward this traing, and which they put ward yesterday and which the vernment could have agreed to. All proposals from the NCB and Government should have been lid up until these conversations we been able to take place. ment.

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It is Thatcher: I imagine that to-brrow morning area boards will rry on with their meetings. They to took place yesterday and this roung. They will need to do so get the facts out about what a proposals are.

From the advice I have received, are are far fewer pits to be

It is a rare treat.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L): Most of us welcome the fact that the tripartite raits have been brought forward to tomorrow. In view of the total amount of the public sector borrowing requirement committed to redundancy pay and unemployment benefit, it would be more helpful to explore the coal board proposals for greater forward investment in the coal industry than greater spending on redundancy pay for miners.

Mrs Thatcher: This Government

ancy pay for miners.

Mrs Thatcher: This Government has bonoured The Plan for Codl produced in 1974 and has been particularly anxious that extra money should go to pits for the future.

Investment this year will be of the order of £800m, the greater part supplied from the external finance himit by the taxpayer.

Mr Edwin Waineright (Dearne Valley, Lab): Pir closures have been going on steadily over a Valley, Lab): Pir closures have been going on steadily over a number of years and about 40 have been closed in six years. Why has the NCB taken this rapid action to have quicker closures in the near future? Has not the Government's action in telling the NCB that it must break even in 1982 compelled the board to take this action? This matter is the responsibility of the Government.

Spending on defence to be £260m

JK would be target in my war-minister

United Kingdom is bound Mr Frank Allann (Salford, East, er that the strategic value of talling cruise missiles on British i German soil was weakened by French Government's refusal

grant similar facilities. Atkinson: But will Mr Note orm the Prime Minister that en she meets President Reagan February 25 that there is no iger a bi-partisan approach to clear weapons in this country? fhere is widespread opinion thin the Labour movement that Mr Patrick Wall (Haltemprice, C):

they are returned to Governing they will be opposed to the more nuclear weapons than we tallation of truise missiles in have? re they are returned to Govern-nt they will be opposed to the tallation of cruise missiles in

Nott (St Ives, C): The Prime nister is already aware of the ws of Mr Atkinson, It is a little re difficult defining the present your Party and what its views

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David Trippier (Rossendale, Would Mr Nott emphasize the errent effect of cruse missiles i the need to site them in rope because of the limited

Vill be counter the myth that muse they are based at selected es in this country it increases: likelihood of those areas being acked, when the truth is that in event of a nuclear attack where in the United Kingdom or any other Nato country would

: Nort : He is correct. The United ngdom is bound to be a target in y conventional or nuclear war. It a major industrial and economic tion which would be the base in which Nato was reinforced. uise missiles will spread nuclear apons more evenly throughout

a larger in any conventional or Lab): If, as is becoming increasclear war, Mr John Nott, Secreingly clear, the Norwegian, Danish, y of State for Defence, said Dutch and Beigium governments en in reply to Mr Norman tinson (Haringey, Tottenham, their territory, will Britain do the b), he indicated he did not constitution of the same?

Mr Nott: It is not by any means clear that The Netherlands or Belgium will take that point of view.
It was never intended that Norway
or Denmark should be sites for
cruise missiles.

If Germany, Italy and ourselves all agree to sting on our respective territories, this will provide an effective deterrent to comparable nuclear exchanges from the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact.

Mr Nott: That is correct. The capability. The French were not consulted on this matter because they are not part of the Nato integrated military structure. Mr Peter Stape, an Opposition spokesman on defence (West Bromwich, East, Lab): It is overdue for the Government to seek urgent disarmament talks with the Soviet Union and the United States before these American controlled. pefore these American controlle weapons are installed on British soil. Have the Government plans to do so? If not, why not? do so? If not, why not?

Mr Nott: The Government is doing everything in its power to further arms limitation and control, but since this is a question of cruise missiles it is worth noting that until it was agreed by Nato that we should proceed with the modernization of long range theatre nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union refused to go to the negotiating table on arms limitation talks.

The future of the coal industry was very bright provided it could contain its costs and increase its efficiency. Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Ruergy, said in a statement.

He said he would be meeting the National Coal Board and leaders of the mining unions tomorrow and having considered what they had to say would probably want to meet them again next week. Mr Howell (Guildford, C) said:
The National Coal Board saw the
national executives of the three
mining unions last Tuesday,
February 10. Following that
meeting, Sir Derck Erra
suggested to me, on behalf of
the board and the three mining
unions, an early tripartite meeting of the Government, the board
and the unions. I was very gled
to agree and had planned a
meeting next Monday which was
convenient to all parties.

It became clear from contacts

It became clear from contacts earlier today with both sides of the industry that they would prefer a preliminary meeting tomorrow. This will enable them to state their case at the tarifest opportunity. I have gladly agreed to this.

this.

As soon as I have been able to consider what is said tomorrow, I will wish to convey the Government's reaction to the board and to the unions. I will therefore propose, at tomorrow's meeting, there should be a further meeting between the Government, the board and the unions for this purpose next, week. At this stage, I would like to make this point. The long-term future of the industry, if it can contain us costs and increase its

efficiency, is very bright. It is acknowledged all over the world that coal will have to meet an increasing proportion of our energy needs as the price of other fossil fuels soars. The Government has continued to provide massive funds for

over limit

should be some other arrangement for the Gath excesses.

We should follow the example of Japan which spends less than 1 per tent of GNP on defence and at the

of men, equipment, exercises, fuel and training which will go on if he continues in the present way? Mr Nott: We are not cutting in the

fivestment in new and modern capacity. In 1980-81 the board's investment programme will have totalied some \$800m. The policy that the Government is pursuing is designed to maximize job opportunities in the long runbectuse that is what investing in new capacity means. We are investing today in jobs for the future.

future.

Mr Merlyn Rees, chief Opposition spokesman on energy (Leeds, South, Lab), said: There has been a lack of urgency in the Government's approach to this matter. Cash limits need to be discussed. We need to consider imports on the same basis that they are controlled in West Germany, France and Belgium. Economic forces have invalidated the assumptions of the 1880 Coal Act.

The Industry is affecting from The industry is suffering from short-term fluctuations now. If the situation in the coal industry

is allowed to run on, even with the meeting called tomorrow, it will be too late to pull things back. The miners feel they have been the miners less they have been their bargain on The Plan for Coal. Productivity has visen rapidly. They believe the thanks they get for doing that is to shut the pits.

they get for doing that is to shut the pits.

The miners know they work in an extractive industry. What they complain about is that all this has been put in one lump to go outside The Plen for Coal.

In South Wales, remembering what has happened at the British Steel Corporation, to talk about redundancy payments is irrelevant. Wales is a close community which is more adversely affected by the depression than any other part of the country.

Events have a momentum of their own. The coal industry is an industry of the future. The Government must act quickly. They guided it can gnide evenus back to The Plan for Coal.

There are no victories to be gained here. What we need is pure

Mr Howell: The National Coal Board has known all along that it faced a long-term need for closures of uneconomic pits and an imbalance in the shorter term between supply and demand aggravated by the recession.

The reason it has been put together in one lump was because the NUM, recognizing that discussions had been pursued at regional level on pit closures at a fairly steady rate, asked that the board should bring these things together and study them centrally.

things together and study them centrally.

He asked for a firm reaction. I have sladly agreed to meet both sides of the industry. It would be absurd to go beyond that when there are still talks going on between the board, the regions, and the NUM before they have finally decided on their plans. I recognize the sensitivity and

I recognize the sensitivity and feeling on imports. Our net imports are about 3 per cent of the total; 97 per cent of coal for British users is supplied by the British industry. In the calendar year our exports of coal will exceed imports and the coal industry will be entering international trade in a net position. (Cheers.) Does Mr Rees know what he is talking about when he says we should treat imports on the same basis as Germany and France? Germany plans for up to 50 million tonnes of coal imports to be allowed in during the coming years. In France there has been a major run-down in the industry to allow a vast increase in the amount of imports. I do not want to see that happen here. I want to see our industry import and export successfully and competitively. That is what it can do.

He claims that the miners feel

industry with a inagnificent future and that the Government is seeing that major capital funds are going into modern capacity.

The best hope for the industry and secure long-term jobs is investment in modern capacity. It is an extractive industry which inevitably means closures.

They are inevitable, predictable and must be carried through in a sensible way with aympathetic understanding of the problems, particularly on the redundancy side.

That this is in the best interests of our coal industry and the

ests of our coal industry and the nation, I have no doubt. nation, I have no doubt.
Sir John Eden (Bournemouth,
West, C): The industry's future
depends very much on continuing
investment in the new profitable
pits which could be at some risk
by keeping open for too long the
uneconomic pits. If at this stage
of the development of the industry
miners were to go on strike they
would only be letting down them
selves and the interests of their
families. (Labour protests and
Conservative cheers.)

Conservative cheers.)

Mr Howell: A strike would benefit nobody, least of all the future of an industry with such promise. The worst 10 per cent of mines are losing about £190m a year. In any extractive industry one would expect some closures as old capacity becomes exhausted at the same time as new faces and pits are onening in. are opening up.
Mr David Penbaligon (Trurb, L):
Did the minister not realize the
reaction this announcement would
bring?

Mr Howell: Some of the early figures that were rumoured have proved to be exaggerated. The figures of redundancies are substantially lower than were first rumoured and the figure for closures substantially lower than the 50 which were first rumoured. Mr Alec Woodall (Hemsworth, Lab): The cooperation between men and management in the coal industry has in recent years been the highest in the history of coal

mining. Now that has been blown to the winds.

The mineworkers have cooperated 100 per cent in the complete reorganization of the industry and with the colliery review procedure which has brought about the closure of pits which have become exhausted.

It is not just the question of the closing of the small number of pits that have been amounced now. It is the fear of the miners that this is the thin end of the wedge. It is easy to make a colliery nucconomical; all you have to do is to leave a water valve open and that pit will become uneconomic in a matter of hours. Mr Howell: I understand Mr Woodall's strong feelings. But I believe that his view of the industry is a defeatist one which does no service to the industry or the miners.

Let me tell him the reality of

no service to the industry or the miners.

Let me tell him the reality of what is going on in the mines today . (Labour protests). In some of our new pits productivity is up to seven times as high as it is in the old uneconomic pits. That is a major achievement which I salute. It is a magnificent performance.

mance.

It is in higher levels of productivity that the future of the industry will lie and more investment in these kinds of pits and the jobs that will be available in those pits.

Replying to a further question,

Replying to a further question, Mr Howell said: The Plan for Coal always contained two elements—heavy investment in new modern capacity and the closures. The heavy investment is going ahead and the question of closures is now being grappled with and faced by the industry.

Mr David Knox (Leek, C): Men at the Victoria colliery in Biddulph are on strike. These are not militants but are among the most moderate miners in the country. Does this not suggest there is something wrong and that the whole thing needs looking at again? (Labour cheers).

Mr Howell: Mr Knox recognizes Mr Howell: Mr Knox recognizes

the need for more investment and the need for closures. That is part of the unfolding pattern of this industry as it moves into the future. I believe that to be the way forward. way forward.

Mr James Lester (Beeston, C): I have great faith in the common sense and level headedness of the miners and I am sure that if they see they are treated fairly and the Government approaches this difficult and sensitive problem with an open mind and not in a dogmatic way we have nothing to fear. Mr Howell: There is a need for the industry and the Government to talk in an open minded way.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Rolsover.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Rolsover, Lab): Ten years ago there were at least four pits in Derbyshire then considered uneconomic, but the situation changed so dramatically that many of the pits then under threat are now producther under threat are now producing coal to the extent that in north Derbyshire yesterday it was announced that no pits would close. When Mr Howell talks about

uneconomic pits those are the economic pits of the future. Mr Howeli : I am glad to confirm his point that in north Derbyshire there are to be no closures. This brings home some of the very exaggerated comments and figures and rumours that have been floating around which have made is more difficult for the industry to out the matter in sensible perspec-

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C): Would be consider the advice C): Would be consider the advice of Lord Robens who when head of the NCB carried out 406 closures and his advice was never to think of a closure in terms of the affect on the balance sheet only? To do so would be disastrous.

Mr Howell: I think the views of the management of this industry in how closures should be con-ducted are formulated in a sensi-

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East Scotland project will create 1,000 jobs those which were examined—from L) said the Government's attitude manufacture of a new model to intervention was becoming less through to manufacture and supply of motor components for the intervened in any way in what a

The announcement of the decision to close the Talbot factory at Linwood problems.

The announcement of the decision as solution could be found to the linwood had been greeted with feelings of shock, dismsy and anger in Scotland, Mr Brace Millan, chief because the Linwood problems opposition spokesman on Scotland could not be isolated from those of (Glasgow, Craigton, C) said when the opened a debate on the threatness of the could not be soluted from those of Covernment policy and the problems of Peugeot SA until they are problems of Peugeot SA until they are problems of Peugeot SA until they are problems. Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence, indicated during ques-tions that he expected his depart-ment to overspend its cash limits by about £250m in 1980-81. unemployment within the Linwood area could soon reach 40 per cent. area could soon reach 40 per cent.

He moved: "That this House
deplores the Government's fallure
to take effective action to prevent
the threatened closure of Taibot,
Linwood, particularly in the light
of the refusal of PSA/Cifroen to
fulfil the obligations undertaken
by the firm in 1978, and expresses
its grave amplement at this latest This will (he said) be reflected in a supplementary estimate to be presented to the House tomorrow (Wednesday.) However, I am continuing to take steps to restrain

by the firm in 1978, and expresses its grave anniery at this latest example of the devastation which Government policies are imposing on manufacturing industry throughout the whole country."

He said it was futile to pretend there had not been crises at Linwood before, but last Wednesday's announcement had been a severe shock to the West of Scotland.

The situation in Scotland was

expenditure.

It is the general practice for any overspend on a particular cash limit to be offiset by a corresponding deduction from the cash limit in question in the following year.

However, the final outpurn on the defence budget in 1980-81 will not be known for sometime and the position will then be reviewed.

Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab): In the economic crisis this country is facing we cannot afford the current level of defence. There should be some officer arrangement for the each excesses The situation in Scotland was already grim with unemployment at a rate of 12.7 per cent, 15.1 per cent at Strathchyde and 19 per cent at Paisley. There was little hope of alternative jobs being found. It was not just a question of Linwood making losses. The rest of the United Kingdom plants of PSA

were also making losses at present.
And there were losses being made
in the European operations as well.
The closedown at Linwood,
therefore, if the consequences of
that were logically followed, bad
pretty alarming implications for
the rest of the PSA operations. They did not believe the Govern-nent protestations that it had tried ment protestations that it had break hard to save Linwood. If it was hard to save Linwood. If it was true, it represented a U-town on the part of the Government because Conservative MPs voted against the Labour Government's rescue of Chrysler UK.

same time is leading the world in the production of goods and services that people actually need. Mr Nott (St Ives, C): We have to afford the current level of defence expenditure because we are faced with a threat to our freedom and liberty. Mr Cryer would not be sitting in this House and asking these questions of me if we were not protecting ourselves and deterring aggression by other countries. The current level of defence expenditure is essential and I support entirely the Nato target. Mr. Alam Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L): How on earth is the readiness of the armed forces going to survive the constant cuts of men, equipment, exercises, fuel The Government had shown a lack of will all the way through. There was nothing in Wednesday's statement and nothing since from the Government, saying it would go back to the company and appeal to it o reverse this decision. mr Note: We are not cutting in the way he suggests. Next year we will be spending £1,000m more on defence than this year.

Defence expenditure has grown by around 8 per cent in the last three years, including the year to come. It is quite untrue to suggest the come of the period of The Government had not even sed one of the cards they had, a strong one, that £28m was still owed by the company to the Government. They could call in that money immediately and yet they were told that it had not even been reprisinged during the negatilations. were told that it had not even been mentioned during the negotiations. There was nothing in last week's statement which would prevent the company a little later doing the same with Coventry as they had with Linwood. The Opposition wanted the Government to get assurances about Coventry, Ryton and Stoke.

Even if the Government accented

Even if the Government accepted the decision as final, the Opposi-tion did not accept it as the last word in the Linwood story nor did the trade unions accept it as the

the trade unions accept it as the final word.

Trade unions were being realistic and realized that it would be extremely difficult to get the decision reversed or even moderated in a reasonable way, but an effort should be made, and they did not believe the Government had made an effort so for so

an effort so far.

They wanted the decision reversed or delayed, not so as to phase redundancies, although even that would be useful, but to give a time during which they could see if

group.

The managing director of Talbot Motors had said publicly that Linwood would have continued to lose money even if the Government had funded 100 per cent the tooling and production of new models.

In the company's view there was no prospect of profitability. Government assistance on any scale could not conceal the fact that Talbot had too much productive capacity for its current and prospective markets. got a change of Government policy to make it profitable for private emergrise to excand and prosper.

The Government should be making an effort to get the decision delayed so that they could see whether a solution could be worked out for Linwood. As well as setting new manufacturing There should be no illusions about the reasons for the decision to close Linwood. It was nothing to do with the collapse of a branch plant of a multi-national acting capriciously and selfishly.

worked out for Linwood. As well as getting new manufacturing capacity in this country, they had to try as much as they could ro maintain existing capacity.

The message in recent statements by Mr Francis Pym and Mr Norman St John-Stevas, and from the TUC and CBI, was that they could not go on devastating British industry in the way that had been happening in the last couple of years. capriciously and selfishly.

It was for the company to represent its own case but that case was firmly commercial. The Talbot operation at Linwood was increasingly unprofitable, had outdated models, could no longer be sustained by the group because of trading losses and the high cost of new investment and there was no prospect of a return on the investment in current market conditions.

Delaying the closure would have

years.

If they were to have a change of policy, Linwood was as good a place as anywhere to start that reversal of Government policy. Linwood was not an isolated example. It was symptomatic of deterioration and demoralisation of British industry. The time to stop the rot was now. The closure of Linwood was the latest manifestation of the ineptitude and fallure of the last couple of years which had brought British industry to

its knees.
Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland (Ayr, C) moved amendment: "That this are amendment: House notes with regret the deci-sion made by PSA within the 1978 agreement to close the Talbot, Linwood fatory as a consequence of over capacity despite investment incentives available under the Gov-ernment's industrial and regional ernment's industrial and regional policies; welcomes the company's continuing commitment to manufacturing in Britain; and approves the policies of HM Government designed to encourage new employment opportunities in Scotland and other parts of the United Kingdom based upon the achievements of competitive industrial costs and practices,"

He said the Government was despite converned about the loss of

deeply concerned about the loss of jobs to West Central Scotland which was the inevitable consequence of Taibot's decision to close Linwood.

There was no concealing this crushing blow which was the result of Taibot's reverses in an increasion.

ingly competitive car market. He was glad Talbot intended to remain a major manufacturing force in the United Kingdom but it was a cause of great concern that the action of great concern that the action they were having to take involved closure of the Scottish plant.

The Government's first reaction on hearing of Talbot's decision had been to think of what it could do to prevent it happening. It had had numerous meetings with the company over the last few months.

The Government had made it clear that it was prepared to make available for a wable investment project at Linwood the substantial scale of assistance which was available. scale of assistance which was available in special development areas, through regional development grams and selective financial assistance.

from a sharp drop in market There was little point in going on producing cars at the taxpayers' expense with declining sales unless there was a prospect of a viable ong-term operation. He had called for urgent discussions with local authorities, the STUC, CBI and others for Feb-ruary 20 in Glasgow.

The Government would make every effort to attract inward investment to the area and encourage the establishment and growth of ligenous companies. indigenous companies.

Tomorrow a successful United Kingdom company would announce the immediate implementation of a multi-million pound manufacturing project for East Scotland to produce a unique high-technology consumer electronics product. That project was expected to create around 1,000 new jobs over the part few years. over the next few years. Mr Norman Buchan (West Ren-frewshire, Lab) said that the clo-sure represented a denial of the regional policies operated by all governments over the past two decades.

The Government could have said

Delaying the closure would have provided a measure of relief for the area but so it was the plant had only been working at about 30 per

supported since the autumn by the remporary short-rime working

compensation scheme.

Firther delay could only be justified if there was a prospect of ultimate viability. The company

saw no such prospect so it could only be achieved at the cost of continuing losses on producing cars which were now suffering

cent of its canacity. It had be

the Government could have said to the company that it was willing to enter into a holding company along side Talbot. Mr Allan Stewart (East Renfrewshire, C) said Linwood had never been profitable under three owners and six Prime Ministers. The theory of Linwood never worked because it was thought it would act as a Caralyst and generate comas a catalyst and generate com-ponent manufacture in the area but only 16 per cent of its components came from local suppliers. as a carryst and generate of the area the area there was no possibility of any project which showed signs of viability from the whole range of Mr. Russell Johnston (Inverse

and less stear. When a government intervened in any way in what a company was doing, every decision that company made became less than commercial.

Mr Michael Ancram (Ediuburgh, South, C) said there was impli-cations from this closure for the whole of Scotland because Linwood was car manufacturing in Scotland. It must give greater in-centive to the Government in seek-ing to persuade Nissan Datum of the advantages of setting up in

Mr David Lambie (Dentral Ayrshire, Lab) said the only initiative that was needed in Scotland was one by the Tory backbenchers to revolt against the policies of the Government and especially those of Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee, East, Scot Nat) said instead of enabling the Linwood plant to remain until the economic climate could be changed or alternative forms of employment produced, the Government had carelessly and callously allowed it to go to the wall.

Mr John Maxton (Glasgow, Cath-cart, Lab) said the way the Gor-ernment had handled the negotia-tions with the company was a disgrace. It showed a cowardly giving in to the company without proper investigation of the facts and estimating what the economic effects would be.

Mr William Walker (Perth and East Perthshire, C) said that loans and grants were no substitute for goods that would sell, for good and effective management, and for good industrial relations and high productivity. The sad history of kinwood was that the products were not bought in sufficient quantity. He blamed three successive managements for the failure.

Mr Allan Adams (Palsley, Lab) said the company should either be saved by Government intervention, by setting up a state holding com-

body else should be brought in.

Mr Lesie Huckfield, an Opposition spokesman on industry, (Naneaton, Lab) said MPs were witnessing a cosmetic operation designed to conceal the gradual but complete exodus of Talbot from Britain. It was not just Linwood. Unless there was some new work and new jobs coming into Stoke by June of this year at least 50 percent of that workforce would have nothing to do.

The French Government had been adept at protecting its own car industry. The trouble was that the British Government had also been adept at protecting the

Mr Norman Tebbit, Minister of State for Industry (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C) said that this was a failure of regional policy over the period since 1963. The company had received massive subsidies and had never, except in one year, made a profit. The losses made by the company per car were twice as high at Linwood as the average across the whole of the company. The Opposition motion was rejected by 297 votes to 240—Government majority, 57, and the Government amendment agreed to.

for the story that appeared in The Times this morning. I can assure him that for the first time in decades, the foreign exchange cost of British forces in Germany will be going down next year rather than increasing.

ing the resumed committee stage of the Wildlife and Countryside Bill on an amendment providing for marine nature reserves.

incorporate such a provision in the Bill at this stage when they were apparently wairing for the opinions and recommendations of a consor-tium on which, she hoped, inshore fishing interests would be repre-

Fair balance being sought between cane and beet sugar producers

It was the decision by Nato to go ahead with this modernization pro-gramme that brought about the discussions in Geneva.

He sugar protocol stands firm."

He said sugar quotas for the EC countries were to be fixed for the next five years. The total Committy A and B quotas were to be educed from 11.6m to 11.2m homes. This was a miniscule aduction compared to the cuts emanded by the Opposition of the Ther EEC sugar producers.

Ther EEC sugar producers.
The United Kingdom combined and B quotas were to be cut out 1,326,000 tonnes to 1,092,000 A cut in Common Market quotas ould save Liverpool. It was the outer producers elsewhere in the EC who were the surplus pro-lucers of sugar, not the ACP counties. The Government must recognize the impact on British in-

Refining capacity in the United Cingdom was in a dangerous decine. It was the death knell to ACP countries and to the Lome commitnent. It signalled total disregard
of British help for the third world
and portrayed a dangerous image

ior Europe.
They must stop building sugar surpluses in Europe which were unloaded on the world market at subsidized prices which threatened the development and the econo-

he closure of Tate and Lyle

gar refinery at Liverpool was the
straw for the African, Cariban and Pacific countries, Mr Roy
lason, chief Opposition spokesan on agriculture (Barnsley,
ab) said at the start of a debate
1 EEC sugar proposals.

It had got to the stage where
CP cane normally destined for
12 United Kingdom would have to
2 diverted elsewhere within the
EC. The outler that had been
1 aranteed to them from the Comonwealth sugar agreement days
2 as going to be denied.

Already without the complete
0 sure of Liverpool, 1,790 jobs
1 and been lost and 650,000 tonness of
1 fining capacity lost to the ACP
1 mirrles.

It mason moved: "That this
1 take steps to preserve cane
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1 towns and to sugar producers of the
1 towns and tow He could well have aroused fears among ACP countries which were rotally without justification. Tate, and Lyle had offered contracts meeting their full commitment under the ACP to the countries concerned in the next five years.

All consuries knew that the British Government had contirmed its total allegiance to the Lome Convention. The European Commission had done the same. The convention was a commitment to buy

vention was a commitment to buy 1,300,000 tonnes. Tate and Lyle's offer of a renew al of contracts must remove the anxiety that the closure of the Liverpool refinery was going to mean the end of these particular Contracts.

It could not be said that the Government had decided to give a preference to beet as opposed to case. The Government recognized the problems of Liverpool. Tate and Lyle had stated that they were making a substantial loss on the Liverpool refinery and that there were disadvantages to that refinery in terms of its geographical location and the additional costs involved.

When Tate and Lyle first indicated to him that they were considering its closure he immediately asked them to enter into talks with the Department of Industry to see if there were changes they could make in their Liverpool refinery in which Government grants under the Industry Act could become available and affect their decision. They decided they would close the Liverpool refinery and that there was not an alternative in terms of refining capacity that was available to them in Liverpool. available to them in Liverpool.

The suggestion of a direct reduction in quotas for the sugar beet industry was not the correct solution. He had already had to renege on the previous Government's firm commitment and objective of having a 1.3m tonnes beet production in this commity.

As a result of that a number of factories decided to close. He

As a result of that a number of factories decided to close. He factories decided to close. He cane and in beet refining there were closures, redundancies and memployment. But the Government had endeavoured and succeeded in getting a balance between the two to a degree that was of much more advantage to the cane refiners than was the policy of the previous government.

Mr Robert Parry (Liverpool, Scot-land Exchange, Lab) said the minister should fight in Europe for the workers of Liverpool because unemployment in Merseyside had reached tragic proportions and the area could not have any more clo-

The estimated cost of the Tate and Lyle closure was 30m with an ongoing bill for social security and loss of tax revenue which wo loss of rax revenue which would be not far short of film a year.

Mr. Michael Shersby (Hillingdon, Uxbridge, C) said the chosure of the Liverpool refluery was about to happen because there had been a substantial reduction of 400m tons in sugar consumption in Britain since 1974.

There had been a major switch by the food and drink manufac-turers to the use of glucose, mainly in jam, beer, cider and confection-ary because of the sugar shortage in 1974. Per capita consumption of sugar today was 11.2 ounces a week on average compared with 17 ounces a week in 1966.

Rejection of Wages Councils Leave to bring in the Wages Councils (Amendment) Bill, designed to restrict severely the operation of wages councils, was refused to Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C) by 194 votes to 115.

194 votes to 115.

He said that wages councils were founded in the 1920s to protect workers in manufacturing industry, particularly in sweatshop conditions, but today the majority of workers covered by those councils were no longer in manufacturing industry but in shops, public houses and hotels.

He would like to see the councils abolished, but there were some MPs who would not go as far as that immediately, so his Bill would severely restrict the councils. severely restrict the councils.

Mr Bruce George (Walsall, South,
Lab) said that this was a mischievous and dangerous Bill. The highest minimum wage rate ser by a wages council was £57.50, which was half the average wage and £10 under the stamoury poverty line. the councils was withdrawn, people would be thrown to the wolves

Parliamentary notices House of Commons House of Lords Today 4: 2.30: Debate of British civil aviation industry. Debate on EEC himstee in the Middle East.

Defence White Paper coming before Easter

This year's defence White Paper would be published before Easter; us all if there was non-restraint of Mr John Nott. Secretary of State for Defence (St Ives, C) said during questions when he reaffirmed support for cash limits.

Mr Nott: It would be pleasant for us all if there was non-restraint of cash limits in our private or public lives.

I am afraid there are limits to the resources of this country, and the limits in present the resources of the country. support for cash limits.

Mr Robert Atkins (Preston North, C): Many Conservative MPs expect that the defence White Paper will continue to show an increase in expenditure to show an increase in the defence of the country, together with a decision on the future of the European combat aircraft.

Mr Nott: On Increases in defence expenditure, there will be an earlier opportunity than that White Paper to see this in print, namely the publication of the public expenditure White Paper.

On the European combat aircraft, we are still consideration will not be further delayed.

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Paviwill not be further delayed.
Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C): Our response to the challenge of Soviet imperialism cannot be confined within cash limits. Mr Neville Chamberlain, when embarking on detente, spent 6 per cent of the gross national product in 1938 on defence, and 12 per cent in 1938 before the occupation of Prague. Prague.

Mr Atties at the height of the Korean war spent 11 per cent of the GNP. Mr Nort should address

bimself to the danger of the prob-

the resources of this country, and cash limits is a system which helps the United Kingdom to keep within these resources. I support a system of cash limits. I take note of the pre-war examples be has given, but the present position is that we are increasing

position is that we are increasing our defence expenditure in real terms. It is going up fast, faster than any other programme.

We must ensure that the output and the manner in which we use our resources going into defence is deployed in the most effective way to meet the Warsaw Pact threat which is there. I agree it is growing. which is there. I agree it is grow-ing.

Mr David Clark, an Opposition spokesman on defence (South Shields, Lab): In drawing up his White Paper he should remember many people feel we are living beyond our means in defence with the result we are 3,000 men short in the armed Services because we in the armed Services because we cannot pay them. Aircraft are not flying as they should, and tanks do not have enough fuel.

He should enter into negotia
rious with our allies to review our role in More.

Mr Nott : I agree there is a danger that we spread our effort too thin, and that there is a need to exemine the present health of the alliance.

Concern over contempt Bill remains House of Lords

The Contempt of Court Bill was read the third time. On the motion that the Bill should pass, Lord Elwyn-Jones, for the Opposition, said they were disappointed that the Government remained so unyielding on some issues. This would make the measure less effective. sure less effective. There was still uncertainty, for instance, about the scope of the extension of the risk of contempt to a potentially large area of inferior courts and ribunals. If the Lord Chancellor's office found it impossible to identify these in advance of contempt proceedings being taken to test the matter, how could editors be expected to know better?

Cord Wigoder (L) said the Bill put an unfair burden on a reporter who must decide at short notice if applied.
The balance was tilted unreasonably against the press, too, in that it was forbidden to comment in a criminal matter when it was on its

way to the Court of Appeal.

I cannot believe (he said) that
our judges in that division need our judges in that division need molly codding to that extent, or that they have asked for it.

The Bill was passed.

The Industry Bill, which has passed the Commons was read a passed time.

The amendment was carried by 98 votes to 54—majority against the Government, 44.

foreign exchange cost of British forces in Germany would be going down next year rather than increasing, Mr Philip Goodhart, Under Secretary of Defence for the Army, Mr Ronald Leighton (Newh?: North-East, Lab) had asked if the Government would seek to introduce new bilateral arrangements with the Federal Republic of Garmany to offset the foreign exchange costs of he British Army of the Rhine.

Mr Goodbart (Browley, Becken-bam, C): The last Anglo-German offset agreement, which was negotated by the previous administra-tion stated that bilateral offset arrangements would cease when the agreement expired on Mait; 31, 1980, and there are no plans to

Mr Leighton: That leaves an unsatisfactory situation. Bearing in mind that we are spending well over £1,500m on our forces in is in foreign exchangeis in foreign exchange—in other words a direct debit to the British balance of payments and a subsidy for West Germany equal in size to the rebate we got recently from the EEC budget—it is intolerable that a country in our straitened circumstances should be subsidising West Commercial to the page. Cermany in this way.

Mr Goodhart: I can assure him that the question of what is known as close nation support is actively being considered throughout the He referred to a figure of 5762m

as the cost across the exchanges, in the coming financial year, for the first time, that figure should be coming down rather than increas-

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, Off UU): Lasting arrangements of this kind are a grotesque anachronism at a time when we have a large surplus on the balance of payments and are seriously wor-ried about the high exchange rate of the pound. Mr Goodhart: There are no plans to have bilateral talks with the Germans on this matter, but the cost of support is a matter of concern throughout the alliance.

Mr David Clark, an Opposition spokesman on defence (South Shields, Lab): Does he appreciate that the cost of BAOR in the 70s went up skifold but the defence budget is under intense pressure. Would be confirm or deny that he is actively considering bringing home a divisional headquarte from Germany? Is he examining the possibility of withdrawing many more troops from Germany and having them stationed on hand

in this country to fly out in an emergency? Mr Goodhart: I am not responsible

Government defeat on Wildlife Bill The Government was defeated dur-

for marine nature reserves.

Lord Craignon (C), moving the amendment to make any reference to land in earlier legislation include references to land not more than three miles outside the low water mark, said Britain needed marine reserves. He was simply suggesting that the land of Britain should be extended to three miles out to sea. should be extended to three miles out to sea. The Karl of Avon, Lord in Waiting, said it still seemed preferable to the Government to consider legislating on marine nature reserves when it had had a chance to look at the various interested bodies' comments on its consultation paper.

Lord Meichett, for the Opposition, said the case for the amendment was overwhelming. It would be was overwhelming. It would be sensible for Lord Craigton to divide the House and get his provision added to the Bill.

Lady Hornsby-Smith (C) said it was jumping the gun a little to incorporate such a provision in the

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By Gerald Sinstadt

Persistence puts Everton through

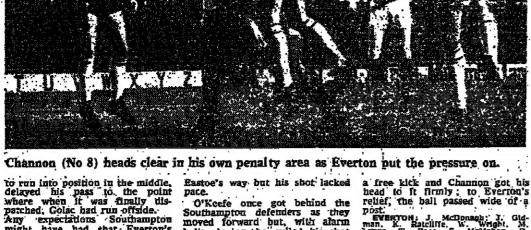
A goal in extra time by Eamon Oakeefe has given Everton a sixth round home the against Manchester ity. Southampton's defence facked in the 103rd minute of O'Keefe pounced after Lyons had kuecked down a cross from Gid-man and Wells could do nothing

with two prized scalps, those of Arsenal and Liverpool, already claimed, and free-scoring South-ampton contained without a goal on their own terrain for the first time this research. Francton had on their own terrain for the first time this season, Everton had solid foundations for their bopes of reaching the quarter-final round of the FA Cup. Strengthening them proved difficult, though, and was certainly more than they could manage in the opening half

conin manage in the opening half on Merseyside.

Southampton's defence was resolute and quick to deny them more than the odd glimpse of goal. What opportunities developed in the first 45 minutes came primarily from mistakes made in the scurrying haste of a match in which neither side wanted to leave a loophole. Golac got himself into difficulties with a backheel which found its way to Varadi instead of to a coileague, but Varadi's centre was ill-aligned and a possible chance slipped away. Then Nicholl flailed a leg at a ball bouncing by and guided it to Varadi whose shot, quickly taken, was took high.

Neither effort offered a serious threat to Wells, however, and a more potentially dangerous move took shape at the other end. George tacked a pass aside to Channon who, with Keegani trying



patched; Goise had run offside.

Any expectations Southampton
might have had that Everton's
need to be more adventurous than
they were on Saturday might leave
gaps for the forwards to exploit,
had little to feed on.

Keegan and George, anxious to
use forward were confortable bells ringing, he pulled his shot meekly and harmlessly across the face of the goal. The most dan-gerous moment of the first half came right at the end of it. George hooked the ball inside following

Keegan and George, anxious to push forward, were comfortably held at arm's length; they were given scant room and even less time to asert themselves and Williams got in the first Southampton shot which demanded action from McDonagh.

He survived a couple of simulaneous tackles but the shot which followed was weak and direct at the goalkeeper. the goalkeeper.

Everton were the more persistent in a match of scurrying haste. A fortuitous rebound came

Maradona deal held up Buenos Aires, Feb 17.—The transfer of Diego Maradona from Argentinos Juniors to Boca Jumors, one of the top Argentine clubs, appeared to have run into trouble today after it was reported that one of Boca's " partners" in the \$10m deal had had second thoughts.

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EVERTON: J. McDonach: J. Gidman. K. Ratcliffe, W. Wright, M. Lyons. T. Ross. S. McVahon. P. Lastoe. I. Varudi, A. Hartford, E. Colec. M. Waldron. P. Wells: I. Golde. M. Waldron. E. Williams. D. Walson. G. Nicholl. K. Keegan. M. Changon. C. George, N. Holmes, G. Baker. Best behaved

English football teams are among English football teams are among the best behaved in European competitions. A survey of European, Uefa and Cup Winners' Cup matches in 1979-80 by Uefa revealed that English clubs averaged only 0.56 of a booking per match in Europe. The average from the 33 countries involved was 1.63 bookings per side.

Exeter aim to put

out of their mind Exeter City will today attempt o push all thoughts of Tottenham lossour our of their minds as bey tackle Newcastle United in a FA Cop lifth round replay at I James Park.

Spurs bid a lucrative welcome of the winners on March 7 but

Tottenham

spurs bid a licrative welcome of the wibbers on March 7, but plan Godfrey, the manager of le third division side, said; We are not even thinking about the until after the replay."

With the central defender, oberts recovered from a knock kelved in Saturday's 1—1 drawes socied the equaliser—Exerct

he scored the equaliser—Exerer are at full strength.

Tony Kellow, the club's top scorer with 25 goals, was still feeling the effects of a bansaring injury received at Newcastle. Now he is fit and set to put Exeter into the last eight for the first time since 1931.

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Newcastle fly south in the morning with their captain Martin, a serious doubt. Martin missed Saturday's the with a knee injury and Newcastle may field the side that finished that game. Shinton, replaced by Shoulder after half an hour, is out for the season after an operation on knee ligaments.

Digweed earns his England promotion

Nicky Reid and Steve Mackenzie, of Matchester City, were yesterday faced with the prospect of playing twice in 24 hours to earn an Eugland under-21 cap. They are among seven newcomers in Ron Greenwood's squad for a match against the Republic of Ireland at Anfield next. Wednesday. But Brighton, fighting against relegation, want Digweed for a rearranged league game against Southampton the previous night. Also next Tuesday Reid and Mackenzie are set to play for City at Arsenal.

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Both clubs have said they will not object if the players appear in both games. The final decision rests with Mr Greenwood. "I am delighted that Reid and Mackenzie have been chosen," City's manager John Bond, said. "If Ron Greenwood is happy for them to play two games in 24 hours, it is all right by me."

Digweed, who played in Ful-ham's reserve side until four weeks ago when Brighton's manager Alan Mullery paid £150,000 for him, would also face a dash north. However, the club secretary, Ken Calver, said: "We don't want to stand in Digweed's way, but we need a full squad against South-ampton."

prix rules, which aim to spread the talent. The players designated are Jose-Luis Clerc, Balacz Taroczy, Tomas Smid, Peter McNamara, Jose Higueras, Hans Gildemeister and Glanni Ocieppo.

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The 32-strong men's singles and doubles events will carry a total prize fund of £32,000 and are assured of a respectable entry, in spite of clashing with one of the most popular tournaments on the grand prix circuit, at Las Vegas. Bournemouth will also have women's events of a similar size, but carrying only £4,250 in prize money. The same week, the Women's Tennis Association will

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difficult for him in the reserves. Since he has been at Brighton I have watched him a couple of times and he has done very well." Mr Mullery was delighted by Digweed's selection, He said: "I am thrilled for the lad, I have been very impressed at the way he has come on in such a short time with us. He is a very good goal-keeper and I'm sure he will serve the club well, for a very long

There are no overage players because Mr Greenwood wants to use the friendly match to give a chance to as many youngsters as possible. "We have no automatic right to players at under-21 level, so we need a wide range to select from. Clubs may not release all the players we need if they are heavily committed at the end of the season," he said.

Other new faces include McMahon, Everton's exciting young midfield player, Coventry City's full back, Thomas, Asson Villa's full back Williams and Chapman, a striker from Stoke City. England's last under-21 game as the 5-0 thrashing of Swit-

pionship last November, in which the overage pair of Owen and Curbishley played a key role. But Mr Greenwood sald: "There's no or dreenwood said: There's he point having overage players in a friendly. We know what they can do and they are always pleased to play. This squad is very much one for the future."

Allen and Hilaire, of Crystal

Switzerland, are left out. Mr Greenwood said: "We already gone on at Crystal Palace." Other players on duty against the Swiss players, on duty against the Swiss but omitted this time are Palace's defender Gilbert, who is sus-pended, Manchester City's defen-der Ranson, and Duxbury, of Manchester United. Norwich City's striker Fashann, wanted by several top clubs, is the squad most experienced player wit

Palace and Just one goal for all Ipswich's dominance

cal game in hand at Portman Road last night quickened the pace of Ipswich Town at the top of the first division, offering little encouragement to their nearest encouragement to their hearest rivals, Aston Villa, or to Middles-brough, who had hoped to have revenge for a 3—0 defeat on the same ground in the League Cup earlier in the season.

Troubles at Crystal Palace do not come singly. Last night at Selhurst Park, their fourth manager of the season, Dario Gradi, saw his third match end, like the two before it, in defeat. In the absence through suspension of Camon, Gilbert and Lovell, and with Murphy substituted because of injury after 20 minutes, Palace succumbed tamely to a neat but unexceptional Coventry City team. earlier in the season.

Villa are now two points behind
an dir will not comfort them to
know that lowerh were marginally below full strength, beneath their outstanding best and yet strong enough to keep Middles-brough under control for all but sport period early in the second

Allen showed courage and purpose, Smillie was at least persistent; but the first division is a greasy pole that needs to be climbed with method rather than a short period early in the section, half.

This was not an eloquent performance but Mariner was missing from the attack; Burley was still absent and McCall withheld from the defence; Beattle was retained, Mills returned and Butcher moved wide to left back, where he was never comfortable. Wark, not fully fit, restricted times to a deep midfield position and Gates took responsibility as a communed striker with considerable nuisance value.

Understandably, Ipswich took their time to accommodate the change of balance. For although they dominated the match, their finishing came to little until four minutes before half time. The Middlesbrough defence had coped without giving confidence, and several times in a difficult first half they showed why their away performance with season had so energy. In their marking and covering, Crystal Palace were any-thing but methodical. Merely by taking advantage of naive errors, Coventry picked to three simple goals before half time: goals before half-time:

The first came after only four minutes. Bannister exchanged passes from a corner kick with Roberts before squeezing in a low, oblique shot at the near post If Fry in the Palace goal, was not blameless then, he deserved credit for rescuing his side with a kick to touch from 10 yards outside his penalty area. Fry soon needed all his agility to deflect a good effort from English over the crossbar but this did no more than delay the inevitable second good. While Palace stood immobile and apparently unperturbed. Roberts hoisted a long diagonal pass to Gillespie who headed the ball square to English. The final header into the net was similarly unchallenged.

Then came Palace's one serious several times in a difficult first half they showed why their away performances this season had so often let them down.

Platt frequently saw his defence allow Gates to make effective sprints diagonally across the fringe of the penalty area, and although he was always alert his

neader into the net was similarly unchallenged.

Then came Palace's one serious threat of the whole match, a sharp drive from Allen on the run which Sealey saved well. Otherwise, Palace occupied themselves with elaborate but unproductive routines at free kicks. One of these, just before the interval, rebounded on them, literally and figuratively. When Allen's shot camoned back from a thicket of Coventry defenders, it sprang a breakeway that Palace were illequipped to counter. English touched the ball to Thompson, ran on and forced the return pess into the net. First division 4an United (0) 0 40,282

In the second ball, Coventry larked the incentive and Palace the skill to prevent the match from degenerating into inelegani stelemate. English, who had a treble to provide a personal carrot, was given the opening for a third goal by Thompson but his shot had insufficient venom to trouble Fry. Second division
Oldham Att (1) 1

>LCDpnough Third division 5,781 (D) Scottish Cup Fourth round replay (after extra time)

Crystal Palsce's plight was em-phasized when a search through the records showed this to be Coventry's first away victory in the league since they won at Leicester in September. The at-tendance, 12,868, was the lowest of the season at Selhurst Park. In the circumstances, it is perhaps churish to add that the clock on the face of the grandstand has STOPPEL,
CRYSTAL PALACE: D. Fry: P.
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Hilatin, I. Walsh,
COVENTRY: L. Scaley, D. Thomas,
S. Roberts, A. Blair, G. Sillespie, B.
Jacobs, C. Bannistor, G. Daly,
Thompson, T. English, S. Hunt.
Defended M. Tavler (Walmer)

colleagues rarely foresaw the danger of Mubren and Thissen's passes that were chipped over

their heads.
As a result, there were few As a result, there were few opportunities to make judgment on Middlesbrough's potential, for even the undoubtedly talented Johnston was often a bystander to Ipswich's control. Ipswich were relieved when after Milln had driven the bardest shot of the night beyond the post and Platt had saved efficiently from O'Callaghan, the Middlesbrough defenders finally made the worst of many errors.

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Osman surprised them when hitting the ball forward from his own half. As they turned all too slowly, Getes took advantage, controlling the ball and sweeping it across the goalmouth to where Naturass was trying to keep guard over the rugged Brazil. The defender was too late to do more than defent the ball as it came off Brazil's head. The deceived goal-keeper was going to the wrong side of goal as the ball passed him. side of goal as the ball passed him.

Sensing that Ipswich were still not completely at case, Middlesbrough put more men forward in the first IS minutes of the second half. Armstrong lifted their hopes when joining the attack, giving Hodgson sturdy support and allowing Johnston to exploit the space behind.

The change of emphasis was short-lived and soon Platt was ingently rescuing Middlesbrough from deepening problems. Brazil was bearing down at high speed but Platt met him in brave collision and diverted the ball away.

IPSWICH TOWN: P. Cooper: M.

MIDDLESEROUGH: J. Platt: J. Nat-iss, J. Balley, C. Johnston, W. Ash-ort, A. McAndrew, J. Craegs, M. octor, D. Hodgam, D. Shcarer, D.

Tuesday's results

FA Cup Fifth found replay Fifth found replay (after extra time)
(Winners home to Manchester City)

Today's fixtures Rick-off 7.30 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION: Stoke City v
Nottingham Forest.
THIRD DIVISION: Reading v
Newport County.
SCOTTISM CUP: Fourth round replay: Rangery v Et Johnstone.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Southeen division: Addlessione and Weybridge v
Alliance PREMIER LEAGUE:
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NORTHERN

play: Orient O. Surmingham 1.

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Kingstonian 4. Lewes O. Second division:
Rarwich O. Barton Rovers 6.
League Cup: fourth round: Bishops
Stortford 1. Tooting and Mitcham 1:
Hayes 1. Eungerford O; Stough 1:
Enfield O; Walthamstow Avenue 6.
Crossion 3. HERTS SENIOR CUP: Quarter final round: Heme! Hempstend G. Barnet 2: LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round replay: Barking S. Uxbride G: Staines G. Finchley G. MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP: Semi-final repend: Hendon 2, Wealdstone 2.

GLUB MATCHES! Bath v Exoter University (7.15), Ebbw Vale v Crose Koys (7.0). Lianetti v South Wales Police (7.0): Lianetti v Royal Navy (7.15). Lydney v Penarth, Pontypool v Bleenstern (7.0). Pontyprid v

Rugby League

Old Trafford off a just a theatre of ghosts ghosts

By Gerald Richmond Manchester Utd 0 Tottenham | When the sense of drama a absent from Old Trafford, some thing is gravely wrong with Man chester United. The theatre is the same, but now the cast mere evokes memories of past giant the summit meeting of Engly football is now a subdued affair

Sexton, the manager, seems to be turning them into a dui iclub. I would have been unthinkable on among the remarkably faithful sur porters, more than 40,000 of who turned out for a contest which ha little bearing on the destination of

of the rootrail which was vising Not theat there was a great det of it, but no game containing Ardies. Hoddle, Crooks: an Archibaid can be entirely bares. United looked to Birtles: an Wilkins to revive their fortune. But Wilkins is scareely match? It is nelled interest and Riffee match? But Wilkdus is scareely march to his pelvic injury and Birtles, who bestiled with rotal honesty, has in been integrated into the patient. At the moment his transfer is pears to be a financial cour fr. Nottingham Forest, but he is considerable virtues.

Tottenham had a good quarte of an hour at the start durit which they penetrated, in United's penalty march and a good quarte which they penetrated. which they penetrated in United's penalty area with our or

when Birtles missed the ball; the other end, and forced Balls to the his shot over the ba Ardiles was again involved, the time with Archibeld, before Crooks shot wide on the turn in Hughton, later cautioned for triping Birtles, surged though without heing able to hit the tares. depressing first 45 minutes wi United mable to create a sing clear chance against a defen which is scarecely renowned?

which is scarecely renowned to its solidity.

There was no lack of effort that the trouble was that it did all produce anything although Unit were more purposeful in the second half without being able to the finishing stroke. Machine stroke Machine stroke Machine stroke was the finishing stroke. apply the finishing stroke. Maca

shot weakly and straight at Baile MANCHESTER UNITED: G. Baile J. Nicholi, A. Albiston, M. Duxbur K. Morgo, M. Buchan, S. Coppell, . Wilkins, G. Birtles, L. Macari,

The clay-court Wimbledon finds a new supporter Council in accordance with grand

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent The British hard court champion-ships, to be played at Bourne-mouth from April 21 to 26, will be sponsored by Three Fives, a British tobacco company based at be sponsored by Three Fives, a British tobacco company based at Southampton. When last year's sponsors withdrew, Three Fives filled the vacancy at short notice and thus removed a threat that this year's tournament might have to be called off. They should have good value for their investment, because these will be the 50th championships — a special occasion attracting television cameras in addition to the usual press publicity.

licity. he championships were The championships were inaugurated in 1924 but were not held from 1940 to 1945 and also dropped out of the calendar in 1977 and 1979. They had a distinguished history until the advent of open competition and the ensuing expansion of the tournament circuit diminished their relative importance — an ironic twist in that the first open tournament, which was front page news all over the world; was the 1968 Bournemouth event.

This year's entrants for the men's events include Christopher Mottram, the British No 1, and seven players designated for Bournemouth by the Men's Intermospherical their official championship tournament, in Florida. It seems unlikely that Bournemonth will attract any players from the top 10, even the top 20, but the important thing is that women's events remain in the programme. Play will begin at 1.30 every day. Reserved seats will cost £2. A ticket for the week has been priced at '£10, There seems to be general satisfaction — not unreservedly shared by the writer — that the championship tournament, in Florida. It seems unlikely that Bournemouth will attract any players from the top 20, but the important thing is that women's events remain in the programme. Play will begin at 1.30 every day. Reserved seats will cost £3. A ticket for the week has been priced at '£10, There writer — that the championship tournament, in Florida. It seems unlikely that Bournemouth will attract any players from the top 20, but the important thing is that women's events remain in the programme. Play will begin at 1.30 every day. Reserved seats will cost £2. A ticket for the week has been priced at '£10, There writer — that the championship tournament, in Florida. It seems unlikely that Bournemouth will attract any players from the top 20, but the important thing is that women's events remain in the programme. Play will begin at 1.30 every day. Reserved seats will cost £2. A ticket for the week has been priced at '£10, There will cost £2. A ticket for the week has been priced at '£10, There will cost £2. A ticket for

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Ferrari initiative may prove

Golfers taking part in the Avia
Women's Foursomes Championship have been asked to dress
more smartly at the Berkshire
Club, Ascot, from March 17 to 19.
Joan Rothschild, the organizer, bas made the request in a letter to the 316 competitors. She said yesterday: "The way some women dress to play the game is a disgrace. They turn up in clothes that are not good enough for grantening. It does not cost a for gardening. It does not cost a for to dress well. You don't have to shop in Kuightsbridge to get decent clothes. Many of the big chain stores sell good, inexpensive golf gear that looks very attractive." attractive." ... Mrs Rothschild will again award ... Mrs Rothschild will again award a prize of a crystal goblet to the most smartly turned out golfer during the championship. Last year the oward was won by Jenny Tate of Sussex, but Mrs Rothschild said: "There was one competitor who somehow managed to get only half a point out of ten.

get only half a point out of teny. Linda Bayman, a member of
the Berkshire club, will be chasing
her sixth win in the event—with
yet another partner. She has had
four so far in five previous
victories but the winning combintion with the litch international ion with the Irish international. nureen Madill, last year has had to broken up, Miss Madill will be presenting Britain and Ireland in a couragment in Colombia, so Mrs tyman partners her Kent collea; c. Sue Hedges. Although there is a prize of £200 on offer, decision to stop supplying formula one racing, Mr Batestre said it was one of the problems which led FISA to modify the calendar for only six professionals have entered this time, as against 11 last vear.

The professionals will be Vivien Saunders, Vanessa Marvin and a newcomer, Bridget Cooper. They the champlonship because of the difficulties certain teams would

will all be partnered by amateurs. I have.

Motor racing

Paris, Feb. 17.—The year-old battle over motor racing control between the international Motor Sport Federation (FISA) and the Formula One Car Constructors' Association (FOCA) may soon be over. All parties involved in the dispute are to take part in a meeting here tomorrow. Agreement

basis for peace

ing here tomorrow. Agreement over the formula one world championship will have to be reached within three days at the latest. within three days at the latest.

An injunction taken out in the British courts by FOCA, preventing FISA from interfering with existing contracts with race organisers, was lifted from midday today. The FISA president, Jean-Marie Balestre, said: "Nothing now stands in the way of the opening of negotiations here on Wednesday". Discussions would centre round the document produced by rival constructors on the duced by rival constructors on the initiative of Enzo Ferrari on January 19 in Modena in Italy. among the parties involved want peace in the long term they should study each word of the contract. It is very important. For our part we hope that Wednesday's meeting will not fail ". Mr Balestre said. He demed allegations that FISA were only interested in look ing after the interested in look-ing after the interests of the lead-ing French and Italian construc-tors. "Our desire is to give every team an equal chance." he said. On the problem that has arisen over tyres following Goodyear's

Forget about the Olympics and let us have a genuine world championship

Disperse those clouds of double-think

During the first week of March the seven Olympic events from But this rid the board of directors of the 1896 to 1924. contrivance. Women's Tennis Association. whose members play the game for a living, will approve detailed arrangements for a new "super series * of the seven tournaments series of the seven tournaments they consider most important to women's tennis. These are the French, Wimbledon, United States, and Australian championships, the climactic championships of the Colgate international series and the Avon circuit, and the WTA championships: the Murjani tournament played at Amelia Island, Florida.

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"10 crowns of tendis" annually
granted special status by World
Championship Tennis, the admirably enterprising, Dallas-based
men's promotional organization
whose title has never been anywhose title has never been anything but pretentious and confusing. The tournaments in their
current list are the French,
Wimbledon, and United States
championships, the grand prix
Masters, the Las Vegas and Tokyo
tournaments, and (by an astutely
arranged logical process) four
WCT promotions—at Montreel WCT promotions—at Montreal, Forest Hills, Philadelphia, and Dallas.

The "super series" and the "10 crowns" may be seed as accidental and unconnected lurches towards a genuine world championthip series for singles players and
doubles teams. Tenms has never
created for itself such an easily
attainable status symbol. The
acclosest approaches have been the
world team championships (the
Davis Cup for men and the Federation Cup for women); the tournaments which served as official
world championships from 1913
to 1923; and—to stretch a point—

Masters and Colgate series titles.

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The Davis Cup and Federation Cup competitions are familiar. The old ", world championship" tournaments were designated after the formation of the international

commissions is an emparassment to the game. The concept would gain validity only if world champions chose themselves—by their best points performances on the circuit or, more simply, by their achievements at the three most investment conversable. manents were designated after the formation of the International Fermation of the International Companies on grass, the world championships on grass, the world championships on grass, and the United States indoor event (never more than a European festival). Inda a ratiety of locations. Only the clay court is championships achieved much status and hardly anybody cared when all three events were deprived of their, "world championships the United States, sensitive about the reputation of their own championships, finally agreed to jcis the HITF.

In more recent years the points-linked-series of rournaments on the international circuit gave the game's governing bodies a chance to create a simple world championships. The International circuit gave the game's governing bodies a chance to create a simple world championships of the total best scores by every singles player and every doubles team (perhaps three in the case of mixed doubles teams, who have fewer competitive outlings). But the administrators could not be bothered and in any case were reluctant to do anything that might detract from the circuit's superficial uniformity, or if from the play-off events for the Masters and Colgate series titles. These are played in January, when form is more erract than usual, and the round-robin singles format means that a player can lose a match yet win the tournament. The titles mean a great deal-but, in themselves, cannot be regarded as world championships.

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of the divorce. But Mr Chatrier or the divorce. But Mr Charles points out that, in addition, the ITF were displeased by the way the 1924 tennis events were run and wanted more control over the organization of Olympic tennis. Surprising those of us who thought tennis had discarded separate tennis had discarded separate tennis in the Charles insists. categories, Mr Chatrier insis that "there is a clear distinction that "there is a clear distinction between those players who are cligible to take part in amateur competitions and those who play professionally "He further suggests that "the Olympic incendive would offer the young amateur a reason for not committing himself too quickly to the professional game".

These shaky arguments do not sit comfortably with Mr Chatrier's warning that national Olympic committees can facilitate political interference in sport. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that Olympic status would be a step backwards for tenuls and a step-sideways for the Olympics. Equally disturbing evidence of the ITE's ambivaient attitude towards sport and politics is that, while Mr. ambivaient attitude towards sport and politics is that, while Mr. Chairier grieves over the fact first issues governments cannot solve are turned into propaganda on the sports field. It is ITF themselves practise political discrimination when deciding who shall take part in their international team competitions.

Let us have a genuine world championship series. Let us forget about termis and the Olympics. Let about terms and metayments better us admit all nations to international team events. Let us, in short, disperse the clouds of double-think that still obfuscate the committee rooms of international tennic.

Rex Bellamy

Hockey

Civil Service kept waiting | HA will consider appeal by water-tight defence

By Sydney Friskin

Civil Service 2 Royal Navy o

The Civil Service began their annual campaign against the Royal Navy at Chiswick yesterday. By the Royal Navy at Chiswick yesterday. I ast year at Portsmouth It was a one-sided affair; Sutherland was at the top of his form and Civil Service for the pattern yesterday was familiar, the Navy, with limited skills, offering stout-hearted resistance against a side with a lot of talent and a reputation for adaptability.

The best hockey was seen between the 25-yard lines. Once it was crossed, the play was packed with uncertainty and unfulfilled ambition. Except in the last few remained the should have put Civil Service further, ahead, in the Service further, ahea ambition. Except in the last few minutes when they should have had at least one goal, the Navy's forwards were lacking in speed

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N. Ratho,
Umpires: J. S. Missan (Southern Counties) and D. Duggan (Combined Services). Services:
Richard Clarke, of Tulse Hill,
will lead the England indoor team Civil Service, despite their early ascendancy, were kept waiting until the twenty-first minute for their first goal. Stobble picked up a stray ball in midfield and sent Marson through to score. Iner before half first to score. Iner before half first to score. Iner before half first to score. Petroary 28,

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REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 8. Army 0.

over council decision

considering yesterday whether to appeal against Monday's decision by the London Borough of Houns-low to refuse to allow a proposed low to refuse to allow a proposed national centre to be sited in West London. The council's planning committee rejected by one vote the £3.5m hockey centre scheme on 7.5 acres of the polytechnic sports ground, Chiswick. The HA, who plan to stage the sport's World Cup in London in 1936, their centenary year, could appeal their centenary year, could appeal their contenary year, could appeal for a public inquiry or confine themselves to a written appeal.

The scheme had the blessing and the financial backing of the Sports Council and the HA general secretary, Colonel Dennis Eagan, said: "We are very disappointed, of course, because it was a very close vote again. As

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Apart from Sports Council

Eagan, said: "We are very disappointed, of course, because it was a very close vote again. As well as the possibility of an appeal we can also modify our plans and apply again, or think about a change of venue".

The HA had already revized the plan, lowering the height of the buildings after an initial application was rejected by two votes last November. "We shall have to consider the situation and decide, in particular, what steps to take to stage the 1936 World Cup", but no continuous control was rejected by two votes in particular, what steps to take to take the leader of Hounslow Council, who said it was unsuitable for sports centres to be sited near residential areas. He claimed that if the Rugby Union applied to build Twickenham today it would to stage the 1936 World Cup", not receive planning permission.

Rugby League

Walligunda's inclusion one of two changes by France

By Keith Macklin France make two changes, one positional, in their ream to play England at Headingley on Saturday in a match which will probably decide the triangular European championship. The scrum half, Gresseque, is injured and the stand-off half, Guiraud, moves to scrum half. The new stand-off will be Walligunda, of Lezignan.

If France win they will be If France win they will be European champions. On the other hand England are unlikely to fear Wales if they succeed in toppling the French. The England team begin special training tonight at Rothwell, near Leeds, and the pack formation will be announced tomorrow.

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One of the great schoolboy prizes in Rugby League is appearing at Wembley in the special fourtain-raiser before the Challeuge Cup final. This year's thrill of a lifetime goes to the under-11s of Salford and Castleford, with Dewsbury under-13s-acting as ballboys. Although Salford and Castleford are still in the Challeuge Cup, it is a long shot that both curtain-raiser and Cup Final will for such signings. In Campbe case because Wigan began neg is ago, before the regulation was troduced.

Campbell, a forestry worker New Zealand, where he was member of the Far North Falcon Castleford and Castleford and Castleford and Castleford are still in the Challeuge Cup, it is a long shot that both curtain-raiser and Cup Final will

feature the same sides. The f Helens—Bull game in the secur round of the Challenge Cup w be relevised and played on Satu be televised and played on Sata day week.
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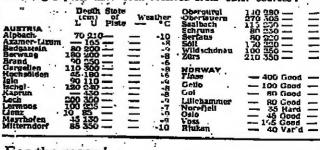
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Old Tall Cricket

Boycott and keep alive faint hopes of surviv **Boycott and Gower** hopes of survival

Cricket Correspondent
Port of Spain, Feb 17
Despite being deprived of two
hours 20 minutes play by rain
here today—25 minutes at the start
and another 115 minutes before
and after lunch—West Indies look
to be moving inexorably towards
editory in the first Test match
against England. At close of play
England, having followed on 248
cans behind, were 65 for two in
heir second innings, needing another 183 to make West Indies bat
again. The match ends tomorrow.
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With five for 40 Croft was the chief cause of England's first innings collapse. With six for 15 be was also mainly responsible for West Indies winding the recent one-day international at 5t Vincent. To their shame, with some good young English bowlers of their own to encourage, Middlesex are seeking to sign Croft for next season. Should they succeed they will acquire, in the view of the England batsman, currently the most dangerous of the West Indian fast bowlers.

with nearly two hours left for play when Rose was out it seemed as though there might be nothing much left of the match by the finish. Had Boycott not been dropped at 29 or Gower at 48 there might not have been. Instead, dressed up like the Michelin man, Boycott held West Indies at bay with great determination; helped to the end by the estimable Gower. No one in the England side—not even Boycott—has had as much time to spare when playing the ball in this match as Gower. Although in 100 minutes this evening he made only 21, he and Boycott have kept England's hopes of survival just alive.

Any chance England had of avoiding the follow-on disappeared in the second over this morning when Cower was leg before to Croft, whom he was trying to hit to leg. Gower's supprise at the decision matched Botham's yesterday, when he too was leg before to Croft. Gower had moved far, enough across his wicket, to a hall bowled from wide of the crease, to think that it would have missed the off stump. The fact remains, though, that he had taken'a similar chance on several previous occasions and he was hitting across the line. So was Botham, though in his case he probably reckoned the ball would have missed his leg stump.

The technical shortcomings of



Croft: currently the most dangerous of the West Indian fast bowlers according to England's batsmen.

than most.

England's first innings ended at Rose was caught at the wicker, 11.45. Their second began at half driving at Holding; four of his five rans to ted and their supporters filled through the sites. This was Holdwith apprehension. Against bowling one hundredth Test wicket, ing that was fast and short enough the sites. This was first wicket, ing that was fast and short enough the sites. to test and their supporters filled with apprehension. Against bowling that was fast and short enough to have been a test for anyone Gooch and Boycott lasted together for half an hour before Gooch was leg before to Holding. Boycott had already been hit a glancing blow on the head by a bouncer from Holding, and if Gooch had reason to be surprised by the one that got him out, it was because it was pitched well up to him.

Gooch was out in the pinth over In the eleventh, just after tea,

The more successful the West.
Indiens were the faster they
bowled. Gower, ducking a bouncer
from Holding, had to such his
back little a limbo dancer to keep
his wicket intact and in Holding's
next over Boycott, then 15, survived a sharp low chance to
Martis at second slip.

Azad century completes Indian recovery

Mapier, Feb 17.—An unbeaten century by Kirit Azad aged 22, a sudent from New Dibi, helped to put the Indian touring team in a strong position on the first day of the three-day math against Central Districts. Azad came is with the Indians 86 fot four and he was 127 nor out at the clote, when they had recovered to 312 for seven. It was usefu battlog practice with the first. Tet match in Wellington only four days sain tour. Binny was in difficulty

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Azad and Sharma added 68 for the fifth wicket and both wee prepared to hit O'Sullivan's shw left arm bowling over the to. However, it was this stroke whih led to Sharma's downfall; the bil

Riot after delay

New Delhi, Feb 17.—Angri spectators hurled stones today when a wet pitch halted play it the India-England women's cricket match in Jammu, North India. One policeman was reported injured in the cooling which flored up when when a wet pitch halted play in the India-England women's cricket match in Jamma, North India. One policeman was reported injured in the storing, which flared up when the storing, which flared up when the start of the match was delayed. The news agency, PTI, said Eugland refused to restart, saying the land refused to restart, saying the pitch was unplayable.—Reuter.

when they had recovered to \$12 with his bat and was out his for seven. It was useful batting practice with the first. Tet match in Wellington only for days inchested as the promise of sarly life. His decision remed to \$12 with his bat and was out riudicated as India lost Canhan sound 28, and they had put on 82 and the acting captain. Visupath, by the close. Azad reached his country half an hour before the by the close. Azad reached his century half so hour before the end with a six over mid-on off minures and but 12 fours and a six.

O'Sullivan. He had batted 184

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Richards may retire

Perth. Feb 17.-Barry Richards, aged 35, is considering retirement

Cornishman with a unique place on the game's map

The death of Jack Crapp—while not unexpected, for he had been in uncertain health for some time in uncertain health for some time—will grieve a great many cricketers not only in Gloucestershire, for whom he played, nor Cornwall, where he was born. He is, so far, the only Cornishman to have played for England—though he had some hopes that there night soon be another, Richards, the young Surrey wicketkeeper. He also recollected that Harris, of Middleses and Nottinghamshire, did not miss by much.

Crapo was born at St Columb

Crapp was born at St Columb Columb: Minor), in 1912. He came into the Gloucestershire side in the mid-thirties and in all scored over 23,000 runs, with 38 centuries, and played seven times for England. He later became an impire and reached the Test match panel. He was a left hander, and his natural style was egressive, but in his early years he had a reputation for being a slow batsman.

This was undeserved. He looked flow, and the clock sometimes seemed to confirm the judgment, but you must remember that the leading Gloucestershire batsmen of those years were Hammond and Barnett. Barnett was always a dasher and Hammond, even if heddid not-happen to be scoring par-Columb: Minor), in 1912. He cama

England in 1948. That was against England in 1948. That was against Bradman's mighty Australians, not the best moment to win your first cap; but he would not flinch from Lindwall and Miller and did enough to be chosen for the successful tour to South Africa the following winter. His Test batting average was 29, respectable for the circumstances.

dasher and Hammond, even if he did not happen to be scoring particularly quickly, liked to keep the bowling. The job of a young Gloucestershire batsman, if he was partnering Hammond (which Crapp constamtly did), was chiefly to be alert at the bowler's end, waiting for the call on the fifth or sixth ball of the over.

After the war, we saw a different man. The war robbed him, as it did so many others, of his best years, but he was still good enough to be chosen for

Rugby Union

Victory dashed so often from Scottish lips

Rugby Correspondent Dr Johnson cannot have had Twickenham in mind when he asserted that "The noblest prospect which a Scotchman ever sees is the high road that leads him to England." In the 71 years since the present hendquarters of the English game was opened, on what was then described as an old cabbage parth, Scotland have won there only three times, 1925, 1938 and 1971. So, in every alternate year as the Calcutta Cup comes up for contention once more on English soil, supporters of the thistie are ensured to being Dr Johnson cannot have had

for contention once more on English soil, supporters of the thistle are ensured to being reminded of the grisly facts—not to mention the near-misses and disasters which have occurred at other times along the way.

There was, for instance, the match of 1955 when Scotland, in line for the triple crown, lost 9—6 yet, were convinced that their Gala loose head forward, Tom Elliot, had scored a late try from a scrummage close to the English posts. There was the match of 1961 when Eugland were leading 3—0 and a Scot—no names, no pack drill—knocked on a scoring pass close to the English line in an eminently kickable position.

There was the match of 1963, when England's captain, Richard Sharp, made his memorable arcing break at stand-off half and dummied inside Colin Blafke, the Scottish full back, for John Will—cox, to make it a home victory 10—8 with his second vital conversion.

sersion.

Sharp's try was subsequently included in the opening titles of the BBC's Sportsview programme on television. The repetition, seemingly endless to Scottish eyes, led their renowned rugby reporter. Norman Mair, to observe that if there had been television in 1513, his countrymen would still be suffering the highlights of Flodden.

And there was 1965, the west of

Flodden.

And there was 1965, the year of Andy Hancock's try for England, the year above all, perhaps, when Scotland were robbed of a victory they looked to have fully earned. At the climax of the game, when Scotland were leading 3—0, their wing. David Whyte, kept the ball in play in the English 25 when



Peter Brown: kicked the goal that mattered in Scotland's last win at Tvi:kenham.

Scots with a more realistic approach were praying that he would boot it into touch.

England won a ruck and Mike weston, on the stort side of it, released Hancock for a thrilling run up the left land touch line in which he wert outside the Scottish full back, liewart Wilson, at about halfway and finally just beat the despairing cover tackle of Ian Laughland. There was no conversion but Scotand had been folled again, at 3—3

Did Hancock pu a foot into touch en ronte? "elevision evidence, in the days before action replay, was inconclusive. The only thing that mattered was that the Scottish touch judge on that side, Scottish touch judge on that side,

souciant, not to say eccentric, fashion to give Scotland victory by 16-15. Fittingly enough, their president

that season was the man. Wilson Shaw, whose name is for ever associated with the victory at Twickenham in 1938, when Scotland last won the triple crown and the championship outright. I can still recall his blistering speed that song days

A week after that 1971 victory, Scotland beat England again, 26-6, at Murrayfield in the match which celebrated the centenary of the first international played be-

the first international played between the two countries, at Raeburn Place. So the West of Scotland hooker, Quinrin Danlop, who won inst two caps for his country, played for two winning sides against England in the space of eight days.

Remarkably, one may contrast his experience with that of three famous Scots—Hughie McLeod (40 caps), Arthur Smith (33) and Ken Scotland (27) (the combined total makes exactly three figures)—who in the 50s and early 60s were never once on a winning side against England, home or away. It was Scottish disappointment

It was Scottish disappointment again in 1973 when, having beaten Wales and Iteland, they lost 20-13 at Twickenham. Their indominable captain, Ian McLauchlan, in retrospect may concede that he ought not to have played so soon after breaking a leg. In 1975, Scotland again came to town for the triple crown, but England won an indifferent encounter 7-6. Four years ago, at 26-6 to England, there could be no Scottish excuses. Two years later, the match was drawn, 7-7, and there were plenty of Scots to believe that, had they been awarded a penalty try when Irvine was obstructed, the result would have been different. been different.

Cowling to retire The former England prop, Robin Sop. Dual F: 34p. CSF: 80p. J. Old. Sop. Dual F: 34p. Sop. Dual F: 34p.

The silent partner of the Winter game soars away to an exclusive place in the sun

Francome: artist concealing his art

It is a strange world we live in.
The new practice of the top professionals in sport committing
themselves to certain newspapers
and refusing to talk to the rest
of the press almost amounts to an
embargo on news being reported.
A few years ago the following
extraordinary telephque conversation would have been unthinkable:
"I. Francome? M. Seely here.
Are you allowed to talk to anyone
but The Sun?"
"Depends what it's about, Depends what it's about, lad ", came the irresistible West Country drawl."

Your ability as a rider." "I'm afraid not, my son."
"You're a right little Cinder-

"Ah, but I'm a well-paid little Cinderella. You've got to get it from somewhere. I might talk to you about the 1982 Grand National if you can afford me", was the jockey's parting riposte before the professor was gently replaced. receiver was gently replaced,
Incidentally, a colleague on The
Times recently encountered similar
difficulty in interviewing Jenny
Pitman, the trainer, who is contracted to the Dalty Mair.

Francome rides like an angel. However, the angelic countenance of the former member of the British jusior show jumping ream was a little dirty around the edges in April 1978 when Francome was found anily by the streams of

was a title unity around the edges found guilty by the stowards of the Jockey Club for supplying confidential information to John Banks, a bookmaker, concerning horses in training. This offence was in contravendon of the rules of racing. Francome was fined 750 and banned from riding for the rest of that season. Fred Winter, champion jockey four times and leading trainer on seven occasions, is Francome's employer. Winter is as rough as reak and totally realistic, He gave that well-known infectious chuckle when I rold him abour my talk with his jockey. "Good for him. It's a commercial world. You've got to cash in while you can. Don't forget that a jump jockey's career is comparatively short. I wish someone had offered me a contract like that in my younger days!"

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Winter replied: "That's his secret. He can do if without you noticing it. When you're in form

when you consider the length of a horse's stride.

Being a perfectionist Winter also commented on Francome's disadvantages. "To be hypercritical, he's got two faults, He's no good ou a horse who likes to do his own thing. The animal's got to do it John's way or there's trouble, And secondly he does appear to he further out of his ground than necessary. But it comes off for him, so how can you grumble?"

Francome is a totally relaxed character. This trait is of enormous help both when schooling horses and in a race. The old Arab proverb "Fear travels down the reins" works in reverse with Francome. Tim Forster, the trainer, endorses this. "Other jockeys get very het up before

trainer, endorses this. "Other jockeys get very het up before schooling, But John just strolls in chatting away and full of the latest-jokes. He schooled Flagstaff for me earlier in the season. A couple of times over the fences and he dismounted saying! That'll do him. That's as good as he'll ever be "."

Having been at Huntingdon as ne it ever be ...

Having been at Huntingdon earlier in the week, and having watched Flagstaff make the far more experienced Royal Strart look like a raw novice as he gained lengths in the air at every jump. I found it bard not to be impressed.

Francome's admirers among the professionals are legion. Michael Dickinson, himself an artist out in the country in his riding days, says: "John's the best jockey I've ever seen, I've been telling you that for years".

you that for years ".

Steeplechases are in the main won out in the country and not on the run bome from the last fence. Francome is much stronger than he was, but he still could not match, say, John O'Neill, in a driving finish.

However, this is irrelevant. As a horseman-cum-jockey. Francome stands alone. On Easter Eel in the Reynoldstown Steeplechase at Ascot, for example, the pattern was as usual. Bob Davies, another consummate borseman, was con-



Francome: no questioning his eloquence in the saddle.

Eci is a funny borse. Every time he goes on a track it's as though he's forgotten all about jumping fences. But when he gets warmed up there is a transformation ". And most of this confidence is im-parted by Francouse. parted by Francome.

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When Francome has a mount to match his inlents the results is electrifying. When he won the Topham Trophy at Liverpool last April it was a moving sight, Carrying the colours made famous by that great Corinthian, the late Lord Mildmay, Uncle Bing and Francome made the huze fences look like child's play.

The story of Francome is the

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The story of Francome is the rale of his partnership with Winter, who stood by his jockey during those dark days in the winter and spring of 1978. One of my most treasured memories of the pair is of the last day of the National Hunt Festival the following March. Francome and Roller-Coaster had flown over the last two fences in the Cathcart Chal-

lenge Cup looking for all the world like some centaur, so much were man and horse a part of each other.

In the upsaddling enclosure

In the unsadding enclosure afterwards most of the crowd had gone home. But a few of the faith, ful remained to greet the winning combination as the snow full gently. Winter gave a little jig of delight and raised his hat in triumph as we cheered them in. "Well, I've won the first and last race of the meeting", Winter said, "I can't ask for more than that ".

What a contrasting pair they

make, the dedicated and deter-mined trainer and nis relaxed and casually confident jockey. No two men could be more unalike in-temperament. But together they' make the most formidable com-bination in steeplechasing. Long

Michael Seely

Racing

Tote forced to increase minimum stake

By Michael Seely

successful tour to South Africa the following winter. His Test bairing average was 29, respectable for the circumstances.

Crapp was a quier man, which is not to say he was withdrawn; he never married, which I slways, felt was a pity, because he would have made such a good father. He could face a party when necessary, but I think what he most enloyed, latterity, was a few pims in a pub with two or three old friends, sharing memories. He did more listening than talking, though when moved he could talk well, with the Cordish burr which he never lost.

I was present at a small dianer, not long before his death, at which he was the guest of bonote. He came on the strict understanding that he was not to be asked to speak, but after his health had been drunk he did, compellingly. He was not envious of modern cricketers, but thought that since the top ones were being paid all this money, they should mind their manners a bit more. The only other thing I can recall him being cross about was the way in which people would make lokes about in name.

In 1953 he became Gloucestershire's first professional captain. This was not a role that suited him, though he was proud of the honour. He was not ruthless enough: the worrying made him if and brought our a skin disease.

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Steeplechase at Nottingham the old is held in high regard by his same afternoon. trainer, Peter Cundell. Both Tragus, the winner of the William Bill Yorkshire Chase and the Freshfields Hapdicap at San-down Park, and Wayward Lad have also accepted for the Not-tingham race. Wayward Lad, how-ever is a definite non-runner. Badsworth Boy has been made 11-10 favourite with the sponsors for the Ladbroke Betcha Hurdle for the Ladbroke Betcha Hurdis on the same track. However, Badsworth Boy is now more barshly treated than he was in the abandoned Schweppes Gold Trophy. And the 5—I on offer against Bamp should be taken each way, especially as only nine runners have been declared at the four-day stage of acceptors.

There is a strong possibility of some action at last at Worcester today. There will be a precautionary inspection at 7.30 am and the ary inspection at 7.30 am and the prospects are hopeful provided that there has been no overnight frost. It has been far warmer in the north and midlands this week and the front is spreading slowly southwards.

If racing is on, Bee Sting looks the one to be on in the second division of the Bransford Novices Hurdle. Bee Sting quickened in fine style when successful at Leicester. This well-bred five-year-

The Foregate Novices' Hurdle has been split three times and the first division is being run at 1.0 pm. Michael Dickinson runs Talon, who was well beaten behind

Corblere at Leicester after winning at Haydock Park, and Major Knigat is preferred. It should be close between Go Wimpy and Pengine Derek in the second dist in his last two races and here again I am opposing the Dickinson runner with Pennine Derek, who ran pretty well when second to Political Pop at Doncaster. French chance for Hills: Saint Jonathon (Edward Hide) should

make a victorious start to the year by taking the £3,241 Prix de Briancon over one mile at Cagnes-sur-Mer today.

He is the only horse whom Barry Hills has at Cagnes and he is there to gain extra fitness for a crack at one of the early season pattern races—maybe the Prix Edmond Blanc or Prix Exbury—at

STATE OF COING official: Windsor, abandoned, Worcestor, abf (7.50 s.to; inspection), Southwell (tomorrow), soft, Taunton (tomorrow).

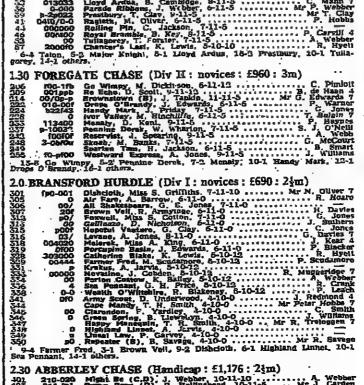
Dennis proves a menace for bookmakers

Richard Dennis, aged 16, freshifrom school, took his first small step towards success when he brought the favourite Snowdrop Wonder home eight lengths clear in the selling race at Newton Abbot yesterday. Dennis the son of a Dartmoor farmer, was excused achoo! less Margier was excused the selling race of the se sion at 1.30. Go Wimpy has fallen apprentices' training course at Goodwood, where the highly re-spected principal, Johnny Gilbert, described him as "the best we've ever had."

Dennis Joined Les Kennard III
August, and the Taunton trainer,
who has belped to introduce many
good jockeys, said: "He's a good
boy — we think a lot of him."
Snowdrop Wonder has not lived
up to the hopes of her connexions
but she made no mistake in thisclass.

class.

Intinto, a 14,000 guineas pur-chase, was surpristingly displaced as favourite by Miss Furiong, in the first division of the Chinkwell Novices Hurdle, but had the race in safe keeping from the moment Bob Champion sent him ahead with nearly a mile to go. loning has a foot problem, which only a summer's rest will cure.



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Newton Abbot results

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Time for a proper lead on additives in petrol



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in the total amount of lead to which humans are exposed. Those who feel that the dangers are exaggerated should compare the level of lead found in a typical urban dweller with the level of lead against which man has evolved as a species.

Lead is a potent neurotoxin. It institute of Technology it has has no beneficial effects what been demonstrated that the seever in human beings exposed lead intake of prehistoric man to it and yet it is disseminated would have been approximately 2 micrograms per day which is 100 times less than the daily intake of a typical city dweller. Similarly the lead content of bones is now 500 times greater than that found in skeleral remains from 1600 years ago. On an evolutionary scale therefore man is perilously close to the levels associated with clinical lead poisoning and thanks to the petrochemical industry, is moving steadily. closer every year.

Lead poisoning becomes clinically obvious at blood levels of 80 micrograms per cent and death may ensus un-

less remedial action is taken. Sub-clinical effects of lead exposure can be demonstrated in children at much lower levels. These include insomnia, headache, nausea and irrita-bility at moderate levels of exposure; restlessness, distrac-tability, impulsivity and diffi-

strated by Professor Needle-man's study of 2,000 Massachusents school children. values found in typical urban children lies between 10 and 30 pg/dl. It is quite legitimate to argue that the educational

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As a result of controlled experi-ments in animal models, the highest level of lead which has been shown to have no effect in manimals is around 5 pg/di. The implications of this research are quite clear when one considers that the range of

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a decrement in IQ as demon-recent Department of Health strated by Professor Needle- and Social Security report Lead man's study of 2,000 and Health was virtually an apology for the status quo. It has been embaced by the lead industry as a model of scientific caution and contains no firm recommendation about reducing the lead content of petrol. Whether this situation continues depends estirely upon the Governmen's response to the DHSS report. This response is due to be impounced in March.

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Meanwhile an early day motion his been put down in the House of Commons calling. for an immediate reduction in the lead content of petrol from its present level of 0.4 g/l to 0.15 g/l and the eventual prohibition of all lead additives in United Kingdom petrol, MP's should be encouraged to sign this motion. The consequences for socety of allowing present policie to continue cannot be overstaed.

Robin Russell Jones

Doctor's dilemma: the right balance of paternalism and open medicine

"Don't worry, my dear", the old-time surgeon would tell his patient, "we'll soon put that right," and she might be trundled off to the operating theatre with no idea of her diagnosis, let alone what the operation might entail. Nowadays patients expect and re-ceive much more information; but the pendulum may be swinging too far in the direc-tion of open medicine. Last year's Reith lecturer, Mr Ian Kennedy, accused doctors of arrogantly gaining too much power over the lives of their patients. His charge is familiar: social scientists, lawyers, and philosophers have all attacked medical paternalism and dominance. Yet the danger is that by abdicating decision-making to their patients, doctors would be shirking an essential element of professionalism—their duty

to make and accept responsi-bility for difficult choices. Perhaps the clearest example is the selection of patients for trainee surgeons. The aspiring . surgical consultant spends many years acquiring technical skills but eventually he has to

surprisingly, that in the case of technically difficult operations such as fitting a plastic lens in the eye or an artificial valve in the heart the chance of failure is higher with a surgeon-intraining than with an established consultant. The dilemna is insoluble. Surgeons have to be trained (and our antivivisection laws forbid them to acquire technical experience by operations would willingly choose to be their treatment as unbearable. Yet paternalism goes too far if it women who said they had conceals information which created their treatment said could influence a decision that they would have it again if it should be taken by the patient was recommened for their rather than by the doctor. But health's sake, in practice the the essence of professional severity of the side effects per advice is that the doctor makes suaded the surgeons to make up his mind on the best course the first customer. So the pater.

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A second important area is the distortion of normal thought caused by life-threatening illness. Patients who know they have cancer, for example, will consent to virtu-ally any treatment if they are told it offers a chance of cure (and their willingness to clutch at straws may be cruelly exploited). Not long ago surgeons at the Royal Marsden Hospital set up a research study in which some women with breast cancer were given repeated courses of five powerful drugs. The side

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Franz Inglefinger recently dis-

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spreads an array of vendibles in front of the parient and theu says "Go ahead and choose, it's your life' is guilty of shirking his duty, if not of malpractice " Is it fair to put the responsibility for decision-making on a patient, already worried by disease, who can have only a partial understanding of the issues? I believe it is not If whether to give further, real ment with anticancer dregs of X-rays. Physician fiends from my doctor is an honest offered contradictory advee, as did his medically-qualified son and daughter-in-law. Then a friend suggested that what he friend suggests. Whether I take his advice is my decision-but that

Dr Tony Smith

The eliminator puzzle-all is revealed

Last Friday's Eliminator Puzzle had to be attended by all qualifiers in the 1981 Langs Supreme. Times National Cross-word Championship except those who had the foresight to choose the Birmingham Regional Final. the only one which was not over-subscribed. Explanations of all but the more obvious clues follow. Except where otherwise indicated reference should be made to Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary for all words used apart from proper names.

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Ithough Alban Berg's second neer Lulu had never been seen Covens Garden until Monay night, there have been ay night, there have been unierous performances of it issewhere in Britain, usually guest companies from broad, but including one production, by Welsh National pera, in English translation, bey were all of the incompanies after a store in true. lete score in two acts, as bund after Beg's death in 335, sometimes with a frag-entary third ac built out of a composer's concert suite. It was known even then that he opera was sirtually comete, but Berg's widow refused he the the third act be handled by another musician. Since her eath the Austrian composer riddrich Cerla has brought ut this own completion, with he beleshing of Berg's published. Rierre Boulez conducted in the first complete Lulu at he Raris; Opera all but two earsts ago, canfirming the ecessity of the third act if any Decause Barg's obsession with symmetry and structure lemanded the completion of his musical and dramatic filesign. The Paus production was recorded, and has allowed is all to get the music of the hird act into dur bones.

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There have her subsequent vocal productions too one of them by Götz Friedrich who now lirects his revised version for he Royal Opera, and has been the to recruit or it singers already experienced in the hree-act Lulu. His musical hree act Lulu. collaborator here as in a tremendous interpetation of wagner's Ring), t Sir Colin Davis. Covent Grden's new integral Lulu bear their joint

an interpretation worth experiencing several times, and by then the flaws may have been

Davis has proved himself a sympathetic and illuminating interpreter of Berg's music with his account of Wozeck, with his account of Wozeck, here and in New York. He has much to bring to the score of Lulu, dancing lift and keen characterization. In Berg's novelty "numbers, those essays in particular genres, whether borrowed from earlier the opera or from jux, as in the first act. Chiefly Davis concentrates

on the sensuality of Berg's music, as Berg suggested with the remark that "only through an understanding of the sensual can one arrive at a true idea of the human psyche", and on its long spans of design, the dove-tailing of scenes, and progressively the enlightenment of musical reprise. That exquisitely prical invaludations of the sensual progressively the enlightenment of the sensual progressively the enlightenment of the sensual progressively the enlightenment of the sensual progressively the sensual progressively the sensual progressive the sensual lyrical interlude after the second scene of Act I might have appeared cold or underof that music in the final scene Davis forged an overwhelming climax for the plight of the "earth-spirit", as Wedekind called Lulu, and the larger liaison was appreciated.

Even more remarkable was Davis's taut grip on the various concerted ensembles in the gaming scene which begins Act III. A great deal goes on, some vocal lines as foreground, others in support : the balance and interplay were brilliantly. sustained under complete and natural control. As the evening progressed so it was plain that, whatever Friedrich was doing with the drama Davis was also bringing our in the music: a signal example would be Alwa's long solo towards the end of the second act, the tension completely sustained, even



Günter Reich as Dr Schön and Karan Armstrong as Lulu,

with an Alwa (Ryszard Karczy- and stage technicians monopo- concealed everywhere, with a kowski) whose tenor is more lize the passages, but also a dashing sense of humour, not lyric than dramatic.

Friedrich, and his designer Timothy O'Brien, ser Lulu in a cross between a zoo, with cages, and a prison with wire-nerted corridors and doors. The opera begins with the Ringmaster parading his bestial charges, dressed as they will later appear. Rodrige in a rugby shirt, Schön in businessman's dress, the Artist in his tunic, Lulu unrolling herself, recumbant, from her black snake-skin swaddling train.

The snake skin remains a perne snage skin remains a per-manent feature of the unit set, like Lulu's portrait and the prison corridors, hardly noticed in the Artist's modish living room, or in Dr Schön's house, with its practicable two-storey (useful and armospheric), lift positively 'transformed in the nightclub scene, where dancers

permanent stamping-ground for the red-faced Ringmaster who skulks on top of it whenever a fatality looms. Dr. Schön's death, wrapped in the snakeskin, is a masterly stroke—he created the reptile which killed

The permanent, tiled floor proves at least as unhelpful as suitable, even grauted the up-dating of the action into the 1930s, a source of attractive clothes for the ladies, dubious for the ethical restrictions in-herent in the play, downright incredible when Jack the Ripper arrives to murder Lulu and her lesbian friend. Jack was a Victorian criminal.

Friedrich's monochrome silent film for the interlude in Act II is lucid and handsomely directed. He stages the farcica? second act. Lulu's admirers

dashing sense of humour, not least in the obsessed behaviour of Dr Schön, and everywhere Friedrich is ready to accept the fantastic, ironical element in the plot and its character.

Karan Armstrong, musically a virtuoso Lulu in her response to a long and taxing part, deserved all the copious cheers afterwards, not least because she had hurt berself during rehearsals and suffered further injury in the first act on Mon-day. Yet her Lulu, from the outset, is a more openly lascivious creature than Wedekind's child of nature or Berg's capricious girl. She offers plenty of legshow, and a splendid transfor-mation from the cholera-infested invalid to the perfectly healthy besoine of "O Frei-heit" after her escape from prison. Her half-spoken confes-

ideally pitched between speech Lulu's entourage of lovers is

led by Gunter Reich's masterful Dr Schön; Georg Paucker's comical Athlete and the jovial, asthmatic Schigolch of Erik Saeden give strong support, as does Emile Belcourt in three contrasted roles. Countess Geschwitz is palely portrayed by Glenys Linos, and Robin Leggare's Painter makes as yet an innocuous impression. But in a large cast there are no really weak members. I do wish that O'Brien had more firmly loca-ted Lulu's last abode indoors; where the Paris production set it in a subterranean lavatory, here she appears to live on a flat roof, equally unconvincing, but easily corrected. For the whole achievement of the production there can be little but

Aspects of Max Wall Garrick

Irving Wardle

One little number that has dropped out of Max Wall's act is his erstwhile carchiphrase, "Wall's the name." He is all over the place nowadays, familiar alike to Beckett and Coronation Street audiences, and more securely entrenched as a national institution than any comic since Georpe Bobey. However, dangerous this suight be for a younger artist, it is no hazard to this sceptical old party in the baggy black it is no hazard to this scentical old party in the baggy black rights. If there are any fears that he might be going dignified or getting topical, they are squashed as flat as the flea that interrunts his Rachmaninov solo by his first walken, excuring a chain of paravlegic entrachets, and culminating in dazzling pirouettes with his index finger.

Waiting for Godot, to which he is returning later this year, was once described as a play in which "nothing happens, twice", and you could say the same of his own show. He talks about "the act" with reverence, always promising that it is just going to start, and dis-

is just going to start, and dis-cussing the scale of laughter from the titter to the belly laugh as solemnly as an American backer doing statistical breakdowns of the chuckle-

But there are no helly laughs in his two and a quarter hours, and no routine that goes on for longer than a couple of

minutes. An act is something foisted on the people it happens not domination but contact. What he wants, and what the spectator wants, is simply for him to be: in public.

Those who saw the Aspects last time round will be pleased to learn that he still attacks the grand plane as if fresh from Dr Frankenstein's operating table, and rakes several stunned minutes to recover from the suicidally prolinged trumper tall at the end of "Sweet Sixteen". There are also liebuning imprassions of of "Sweet Sixteen". There are also lightning improssions of Charles Laughton, Jessie Matthews, and a cocker spaniel; evocations of Mr Wall's first love. Liverlips La Tour", and memories of standing in for indisposed German girls on the Folies Bergeres staircase. But the fun always lies in beformation of the sweetly smil-ing Wall-Jek-II into the out-cracker snarl of Wall-Hyde; his disgusted reaction to laughter at gags he despises; and the free-wheeling ad libs that may or may not lead him back on to the rails.

He treats the house partly as showbix incumates, and partly as innucents to whom he is spilling the professional beans: eitherstopoing to voice what we are thinking ("You've noticed I've gone serious"), or explaining exactly what he is doing. "You see what I'm gerting at? I've led you back to the focal point of the whole thing." A pause; then the eyes go up in hopeless despair that he is wasting his

Do Not Disturb

Ned Chaillet

In Cardiff there is an ambitious and frequently delightful arts centre known as Project Arts, which regularly offers residencies to some of the more experimental theatrical troupes. A company which has recently benefited from a residency there is Hestate and Demonstrate, a performance group principally descended from the People Show and Robert Wilson. The special quality they have is a feminine vision and with it they paint dramatic pictures, largely without words. Do Not Disturb is the result of their work at Project Arts and it makes for an evocative and baunting even-ing, although it challenges traditional concepts of drama.

Their environment for the performance is particularly elaborate and beautiful, an old English family home that has been converted into a country house hotel. It is first seen as if by moonlight, when a guest arrives with suitcases in hand, walking through autumn leaves

while within there are traces of movements such as a hand at a curtain. The house is opened to reveal some of the inner rooms where people meet or go quietly about their business. No one speaks in the produc-

tion, but there is a constant sound track which includes voices abstractly related to the stage pictures. More often the sound is musical, but it includes also does barking, vacuum cleaners, chatter in the hallways and a jumble of breakfast news bulletins as two guests separately enjoy their breakfasts. The settings and the sounds are orchestrated with a technical precision that is faultless, but it is the pre-sence of the silent actors that adds a dramatic quality, rather like the movement of the pieces in a game of Cluedo.
Lizza Aikin, Alix Mayrocordatos and Geraldine Pilgrim bring a playfulness to their performances which is charm-ing even though their activities are strange: a woman has drink over an bath tub, a man furtively tears a page from the hotel register and the two women jealnusly share the professional atten-tions of a hairdresser. It is a

Canto General Tanz-Forum, Cologne

John Percival

The unmistakable fetures of sambard Kingdom Brinel gaze ut from one of the illustrainns in the programme book of Canto General. Jochen brich's extraordinary dancerama for Tanz-Forus, the lance company of the Operaiouse, Cologne, Brulel is posed in splendid Vitorian onfidence against a back-round of the huge chans of round of the huge chans of is steamship, the Great Eastrn. No, he is not actually a haracter in the ballet, let is here as a symbol of one spect of European civiliza-

For the theme of Canto Fenlash of cultures of two onnents, the effect on South merica of its conquest by he . thite man and his values. Inpired by what Ulrich saw wen he company toured Lain merica two or three years igo, the work is based upon ablo Neruda's poem of the allet is as ambitious as content, lasting two bours with ot an interval.

in ism

revealed

s an evocation of Inca civiliza-Renaissance music rather than o specifically ethnic sources, luggesting the remote time in preference to the exotic place. Ulrich's choreography indiates the ritualism and formaity of a culture which we can ecognize but hardly under-itand. The dances are ceremonious hut simple, using a few accessories to imply the masks and headdresses of this lost culture. The mood is tranquil, even when a vanishing body and a rumbling red cloak symbolize a human sacrifice.

That atmosphere is broken by the arrival of the conquista-dors, who break their way through a wall at one side of the stage with noisy ferocity. They bring elaborate courtly manners and an intolerant attitude, religious trappings and deadly weapons, against which the Indians fight back in vain.

In each successive scene the work becomes more modern, more naturalistic. The steps which have suggested an Inca. temple are disfigured with advertising slogans, then reversed to turn into the mean bouses in which fighters for freedom huddle to hide from the political police. The stage becomes more and more cramped; dancing becomes more difficult as the spirit of the people is hemmed in. Yet that spirit struggles and survives to the last.

Ulrich and his composer make telling use of frong to.
underline their theme. The
tango emerges in the score during a scene where diplomats and politicians gaze admiringly at a museum exhibit of the native culture that has been trumpled almost out of existence. Even when pre-paring for battle, the European invaders hand their ladies down from the ships with

proud gallantry. The conquerors are led by a strange, almost androgynously for once) you do not have to woman in man's clothes. Lutgart van der Straeten performs Sadler's Wells for a fortnight this role with chilling cuelty, in April, and Cana General is her movements coldly sharp, one of the weks to be her face impassively stern. The brought, together with shorter other leading woman's role, pallets by Christoner Bruce, called simply The Woman, has her great moment when she Hans van Manen and Jochen changes from Evita-like Ulrich, all but be of them glamour into a simple dress, new to London.



Lutgart van der Straeten

with her hair loose, to lead a dance of triumph for shortlived freedom. Svenbjorg Alexanders brings splendid fervour

Ulrich identifies Neruda with the spirit of oppressed people and has as his leading male character a poet who has to speak as well as dance. Paul Porter succeeds in both aspects of the role. playing with a passionate conviction. But he is only the first among equals, because the whole company perform with a The first of its five episodes gripping sense of drama.

Neruda's words are woven ion. At this stage of the baller into the fabric of the work, here is no attempt at realism not only in the role of the ohannes Frirsch's score is poet but even more by the prechaines Frisch's store in period of a Chilean actor, lensissance music rather than Leonardo Marinez, who sits at pre side of the stage speaking ong extracts from the text. ere are two singers besides. the orchestra pit together th three musicians playing dreussion, trombone and guiand a fourth who controls elerronically all those live sond sources and a prepared

> the performance attinded something had gone attneed sometime had gone wrig with the arrangements for processing the music through microphones and loudbeakers. After some anxies adaptation, the show proceded with an apology that it would not sound quite as it should even so, I found the second merescript and look for score impressive, and look forward o hearing it again in happie circumstances.

Götz Loepelmann's scenery and maks, the costumes by Marie-Teres Cramer and Heinrich Brunke's lighting all have an important share in the ballet's uccess. Although the proportio of realism and fantasy varis, as already indi-cated, duing the course of the work thee is throughout an imaginative use of objects to Tables, fo instance, become the decks of ships, and planks are used boy as shields and as offensive wepons.

One intensing aspect of Conto General is that it uses dance entirely to convey its theme, never decoratively. Thinking back in it. I cannot remember a single dance think could be taken out of remember a single dance which could be taken out of context and presented on its

In Cologne Cauo General is performed not n the Opera House itself but n the adjoining Playhouse, at auditorium which, on the mole, is probably more apt formost of Tanz-Forum's varied and progressive repertory. But (good news figure, played by a go abroad to see it for yourself. Tanz-Forum s coming to Jürg Burth, Reinhid Hoffman,

A challenge for Elizabeth Taylor

Elizabeth Taylor is 49 at the end of this month. And she has rather more films than years to her credit. The figure generally quoted is 50, but when she was in London recently she quickly corrected that total and raised it to 58. She got an early start. She

was only 10 when she shared the billing in Lassie Come-Home with Roddy McDowall and the dog in question. A couple of years later she fought off considerable competition for a ride on The Pie in the first film version of Enid Bagnold's National Velvet.

Miss Taylor liked both those films. "Did you know that Lassie was a be and nor a she?" No. I did not. The question did not cross my mind when I was moved to childish tears on first seeing the picture. "Well, Lassie was a be. And, on refection, I reckon some of my best leading men have been dogs and horses."

Among those challenging Elizabeth Taylor for the lead in National Velvet was one Shirley Catlin, later Shirley Williams Perhaps defeat on that occasion steeled Miss Carlin for reverses which were to come when she moved her career in a different direction; certainly it did not deter her from acting, and she played opposite Peter Parker in King Lear when she was at Oxford. More recently Elizabeth Tay-

for took a step herself towards the Williams political territory when she married husband number six (excluding Richard Burton for the second time round), John Warren, a lithe, silver-haired Republican senator, with impeccable Virginian manners. The marriage came at a time when her film career was somewhat becalmed : Hal Prince's movie version with her of A Little Night Music met with limited critical approval and did very poor box-George office business; George Cukor's The Bluebird attracted acres of publicity but never took to the wing. For the last five years Miss Taylor has spent much of her rime campaigning for her husband:
"I feel as though I'm a true Virginian now, I own a British passport, but I think I'm going

even rook up riding again that was a mistake. which was not exactly wise because I've had two inches of my spine removed and hadn't jumped since I was 24. Early on the horse pecked and it seemed to take two and a half hours before seemed to take two and a haif a couple of hill-toppers came hours before the ground by in a pick-up truck and I reached up and hir me. As the yelled out 'Don't move on, but blood came out of my nose I heard the voice of my riding instructor when I was seven years old, saving 'It you fall

off, you must always remount '.

Miss Taylor, who had Victor Cazaler for a godfather, was well schooled in matters eques-

to take out an American one

so that I can vote for John. I.

trian long before MGM put Elizabeth Taylor away from move me instead. And gently, please', They took me home, just another woman who had

political campaigning is The Mirror Crack'd, which opens in the West End after a royal premier next week. It is the third in the series which John Bra-bourne and Richard Godwin. have made from Agatha Chris filmed—I'm a natural mimic tie novels, but unlike Orient and there is too much danger Express and Death on the Nile of picking up other people's it does not feature the mighty Poirot. Miss Marple is the sleuth and even she takes a back sear, literally, because of fallen off a horse, but fortunately the mother of one of them turned out to be a fan... but nothing more exotic, to no more steeplechasing."

The film which has entitled Kentish village in Coronation a broken leg. The setting is nothing more exotic, to English eyes at least, than a

Year: Elizabeth Taylor plays Marina Grees, a monstre socree whose arrival with a film crew unleashes a series of murders which Miss Marple (Angela Lansbury) solves with-out moving 100 far from ber front room. What was the attraction for Elizabeth Taylor?

"Any number of things. I liked the challenge of Marina: a consummate actress and a bad actress at the same time, a liar and a charmer. The shooting schedule of six weeks was just right and I was delighted to have the chance to go back to Kent, a part of England I knew very well when I was a child. It is so like Virginia, you know. Kent could almost be an adjoining

"It also happens that I stories. adore detective stories. Richard [Burton] and I used to read them in bed: we had a copy each and when we got to body each and when we got to page 50 or thereabouts we both wrote down the name of the murderer. I'm glad to say that I invariably beat him, which drove him mad. I remember reading The Mirror Crack'd when it first came out in 1962. OK, so perhaps I agree with you that it wasn't one of the best Agatha Christies, but it has possibilities.

"Maybe the film is better than the book. Certainly it has more jokes, one or two of which are strictly for those in the profession: Kim Novak wakes fun of my big feet and Rock Hudson—this is the first time I've worked with Rock since Giant—has a couple of Doris Day lines." Cognoscenti may also be in-

trigued by the opening sequence which shows the kind of film that used to be made from Christie novels 30 years ago breaking down on the village hall projector. It will not escape them that Dame Agatha dedicated The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side; to use the full Christie title—taken from Tennyson—to "Margaret Rutherford, in admiration ".

Elizabeth Taylor now goes into rehearsal for Lillian Hellmann's The Little Foxes, on stage rather than on screen, which is scheduled for Broadway in April after an East Coast tour starting in a few days' time.

"We read two plays, Foxes and Hay Fever. We reckoned that an American cast could not get the accents right for Hay Fever, so The Little Foxes is and I'm happy because Regina is a great part. No. I haven't run the movie any more than I saw Virginia Woolf in the theatre before we ot picking up other people's tricks. Believe it or not this is my first appearance on stage. When I talked over Foxes with John he said: 'If you're going to plunge, plunge'. I'm plung-

Philharmonia/Haitink Festival Hall/Radio 3

Barry Millington

Seasoned Mahlerian that he is, Bernard Haitink knows well that the incongruities, the jarring juxtapositions, which pepper a Mahler score are on no account to be apologized for. They are (dare one say it?) the salt that judiciously handled can make a performance one of real quality. Such an interpretation was given of Mabler's third symphony on Monday by the Philharmonia under Haitink.

In the half-hour first movement nature is depicted wild and raw, sometimes sweet but often harsh and uncompromising; nature, that is, as personi-fied by Pan. The banal jostles with the profound, the vulgar with the portentous, and Hairink extracted those qualities in full measure. But at the same time, without sacrificing their individuality, he drew them together; it is his sureness in transforming an assemb-lage of disparate elements into a coherent whole that makes Hairink one of the finesi

Mahler conductors of our time. Having laid such solid foun-dations with that opening

way to giving a classic interpretation, and we were not disappointed. The five subseiovements, dealin: their different ways with the human and divine he ivelded together into a structure that balanced, and rightly out-weighed, the gigantic movement that on its own formed part one. Pan and anarchy make a brief reappearance at the end of the third movement ultimately they are no match for the healing, redeeming forces that come to the fore so eloquently in the final three These movements are stitched

game of echoes and images.

movement, he was well on the

together, again not seamlessly: the beartstopping melody that opens the final Adagio came in Haitink's hands, and effectively so, as a new inspiration after the angelic celebrations of the fifth movement. The ladies of the Philharmonia Chorus, and the Southend Boys Choir, as reliable as ever, gave voice to the celestial beings, while Alfreda Hodgson contributed a rich, measured contralto solo. A few over-expherant phrases epart, the Philharmonia played weil for Haitink. Let us hope that partnership has more Mahler performances of this calibre in store for us.

Camerata Bern Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Stephen Pettitt

Incoherent programmes frequently fall flat through an inability or unwillingness of either players or audience (or both) to cope with contrasting styles in one concert. That offered on Monday by the Camerata Bern, a small ensemble of 14 string players, vas a golden exception to the

rule. . This group, led by Thomas Füri, has made a reputation in this country largely through its association with Heinz Holliger in recordings of eighteenth-century music, in particular that of Zelenka and more recently the Mannheim com-posers. Consequently, it was posers. Consequently, it was all the more of a surprise to hear them play with such finesse in Elgar's early Serenade for Strings, a thought-ful gesture to their hosts. Their small size lent fresh clarity. yet in no way was the work's music.

rightful romanticism denied it. articularly impressive was the Larghetto, where unanimity was preserved even in its finely judged rubato and poised semi staccato. Grieg's perennial chestnut, the Holberg Suite, was performed with equal aplomb, made to sound as fresh as a spring daisy, though not lack-ing full-sized bloom when it was needed.

Returning to a more familiar patch, an attractive and neatly-played Concertino in G attributed to at least two others as well as Pergolesi bode well for the following Flute Concerto in E minor, most definitely by the Mannheim composer Franz Xaver Richter, Aurele Nicolet, looking quite demented, gave a penetratingly intense cdge to the limpid central Andantino. adventurously in C major, while the hybrid half-haroque, halfclassical outer movements were full of brilliant colours. His partners, ever sensitive, were neither too romantic nor insipid, as can often happen with modern-style players in such

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Book review____

Ideas and the Novel By Mary McCarthy

(Weidenfeld & Nicolson 14.95) The chapters that make up this book were given as the Northcliffe Lectures at London University last year. In them going back in history, alighting principally on the nineteenth to have flouted the ban).
century, to see what fiction it can't bonestly be preprincipally on the nineteenth

itself "lost" as a result of tended James's achievement. On the modern novelist who also sets' out to be an arrist James has, Miss McCarthy insists, been a near-fatal influence; the treat-ment of ideas, philosophical political, social, which was germane to the very concept of the novel at its apogee in Mary McCarthy first examines the effect of Henry James on scribed (only the New York the serious novel, before Jewish school and a few archairm cizing individuals are allowed

tended that Miss McCarthy pursues this dubious thesis the greatest of intellectual rigour and for once, per-haps, one can agree with the "swift excursion over the whole terrain of fiction . . " conducted in "lightly depicted senten-ces" in 100 odd pages of loosely packed print would promise trouble shead, even if we were in the presence of a species of thought of unusual conceutra-

Certainly the book sprouts ideas in abundance; and some of them are good ones. Generally Mary McCarthy's thesis, as far as it exists, hangs together best on what she has to say about the French novel; she is good on Balzac and Hugo.

But the colloquial witticisms begin to seem threadbare, particularly when she turns to the novel in English. To commend George Eliot's "tolerance" while deriding her intellect Prelude tion. And frankly we are not, while deriding her intellect in Ideas and the Novel seems to beg a host of ques-

the novel directly with Dostoevsky's, is unsound. The mention of Melville and Marryat in the same breath as sailor novelists", whatever the point is meant to serve, is unhelpful in understanding either. And it will just not do-smart though its sounds-to talk of Jane Austen being to the novel as Wordsworth's Lyrical Ballads were to The

Essentially, though, the book ...

tions; and to compare the rests on a charge against operation of that intellect in James which is flimsily brought. There may be such a charge to make, but Miss McCarthy's conduct of the case for the prosecution leaves too many questions unanswered. Whatever the limitations James appeared to impose on successors, his acute awareness the creative predicament itself warrants more precise examination of his motives.

Peter Davies







Daumier exhibits at the Royal Academy: a cast bronze, Ratapoil, and two lithographs, l'eau de puits de Grenelle, and J'suis d'Garde à la

On the right side, and witty with it

On the whole, I regard Dr Armand "I might be restored to full health.] On the whole, I regard Dr Armand Hammer as a Bad Thing; he was a lot too thick with Lenin, and has been in something of an ongoing cahoots situation with the celebrated Bolshevik's heirs and assigns everwince. What is more I am by no means sure that he has used a long enough spoon when supping with the bastards, or indeed much wished to. It is not, however, in his capacity of homo dubius that I salute him this morning, but in that of art-collector. morning, but in that of art-collector, and one of the shrewdest and most understanding of modern times.

He has been collecting pictures (and giving them away) for more than half a century, and his most recent butterfly, 5,000 specimens of which he netted at one go in 1976, is Daumier. Of his vast collection, some 240 items are to be seen at the Royal Academy until next month; I went to see them partly because I have always been fascinated by Daumier and have never seen a lot of his work together, and partly because ever since I saw the Academy's own show, A New Spirit in Painting, I have been applied to the same seen and the same seen and the same seen as the Academy's own show, A New Spirit in Painting, I have been applied to the same seen as the same seen unable to take any solid food, my hair bas started to fall out in a most distressing manner, and I have woken screaming in the middle of the night at least three times a week; the neighbours have now started to com-plain, so I thought that by going to see something good at the Academy

help us, who would a patriotic Pole shoot first, and why? The

answer is, first a German from duty, second a Russian for pleasure.

On arrival in Poland the pos-

sibility of Russian intervention

seems more remote than from

raised the issue. This is partly

because the threat of interven-

tion has been made so fre-

quently by the authorities and

more sensationally by the out-

side media that people are

inoculated against it : partly

because the Poles adopt, not least for historical reasons, a

fatalistic attitude to the pos-sible bahaviour of their neigh-

In the past German and Rus-

sian policy towards Poland has been so clearly inspired by motives that have had little to

do with Polish behaviour-

though a great deal to do with her geographical position—that Poles feel their own actions

have little influence on events.

American-Russian relations may well be more important in deciding the fate of Poland

than anything that happens within the Polish People's

Republic. Hence President Rea-

gan's belligerent and simplistic

one of them said,

It is too early to be sure that the trick has been successful, but at any rate the green wickerwork men have stopped riding their bicycles round the brim of my hat, so perhaps every-thing is going to be all right.

The most important thing about Daumier is that he was on the right side, and moreover in the right way. I shall discuss what I mean by that in a moment, but in any case the most important aspect of his work is most important aspect of his work is not the first to be noticed by a visitor to the exhibition; what leaps off the walls is the astounding quality of his draughtsmanship, and the reason it is astounding is that the line is not in the least fine, indeed it is positively impressionistic at times, and a huge proportion of the lithographs (most of the items in the exhibition (most of the items in the exhibition are lithographs, as most of his work was in that medium) could easily be crayon or charcoal drawings. Yet if you look at such examples of this technique as the delightful No 46, in which an unsuccessful artist is seen destroying his rejected work, or the destroying his rejected work, or the mordant No 19, a study of the great enemy, Louis-Philippe, the optical illusion is complete; you feel you can count every hair on their heads separately. Daumier must have had a hand of incredible steadiness, and a confidence no less exceptional to guide it, so meticulous is the result,

so unmericulous the technique. The next thing to be noticed is

the range, which is the subject of another conjuring trick. He really only had two subjects; the baseness of those who ruled France, with a few very brief intervals, throughout his adult life, and the absurdity, endearing and quaint or greedy and cowardly, of the bourgeoisie. He was fascinated by lawyers and obsessed by Don Quixote, but the rulers and the ruled formed the staple of his diet. You would think that that would inevitably mean monotony in so large an exhibition, but you would be wrong, because the variety of changes that Daumier rang upon these two themes was absolutely inexhaustible, and there is no question of the visitor being extend.

This remarkable quality can be seen This remarkable quality can be seen at its best in the set of bronzes that fill a series of glass cases in the Reynolds Room, and if you want to see them, you had better hurry, because I propose to sneak in one night very shortly and steal the lot; I do not think I have ever broken the Tenth Commandment with such comprehensive intensity in all my life. There are 36 of them; they are portraits of the members of Louis-Philippe's government, and the clay is moulded with genuine hate, so that the spectator passes slong the row

How long can Poles walk the tightrope?

Mark Bonham Carter on the pitfalls facing Solidarity

In Foland jokes have long the Soviet Union send a shiver all in their twenties and third been an accurate guide to the been an accurate guide to the political temperature. A current joke runs as follows: If our Russian comrades in association with our allies came to ciation with our allies came to consider which are today taken and their twenties and third lowed by regional elections. To this Stalin had responded by saying: "Though you may shirts and sporting their Solition of a national executive be a very good general, you are a very stupid politician. I they will be the first free do not much care if Poland is a socialist, Catholic or demonstration.

alliance between workers and

intellectuals, so yearned for on

darity is no less acute than the

Government's. It dare not overthrow the Government not only from fear of precipi-

tating Soviet intervention, but also because no one supposes

today hangs a catastrophic economic position, the inberirance of mismanagement by successive administrations and

more immediately from the

The most obvious fact about Solidarity is that it is led by the post-war generation. Their expectations and aspirations are very different from those of their parents. Being without personal experience of terror; with a series of crises precipitors they have inherited, as I was too post-war expectations and experience of terror; with a series of crises precipitors and constantly reminded.

personal experience of terror, with a series of terror, with a substantial Soviet comparison countries would be unduly contained with heavy indoctrinated by the Polish examinated by the Polish examinated by the polish examinated by the polish examinated by the conduction of conducting elections first at with the imposition of a compression of

assailed by curning, meanness, folly, corruption, cowardice, stupidity, hypocrisy, cruelty and every other imaginable form of swinishness that human beings can be possessed of. Now 36 variations on such a theme would not normally be expected to hold the attention unwandering, yet I paced back and forth along the row again and again, seeing more and more in this amazing gallery of savage

rebuke every rime.

Well, Daumier was a genius. But that is only the general explanation of the magic wrought here; the particular one is that although the busts are indeed caricatures, the subjects do not become simply the attributes Daumier has seen in them—they are never, that is, dehumanized. It is at this point that the comparison which until then has been tugging at the visitor's sleeve collapses; Gerald Scarfe has never learned that hate is not enough, and I do not believe it would be possible to look at a similar number of his caricatures of politicians and other enemies without becoming very rapidly anaesthetized by the way in which, brilliant as he is at catching an expression or characteristic of his victims, he allows them nothing of humanity at all. A human villain is more frightening, not less, than a monster, because he reminds us that we are made of the same stuff. That is Daumier's greatest achievethis point that the comparison which

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Or rather: that is his secon greatest achievement. The most im-

right side for the right reasons. His directly political work has the zest and gaiety possessed by all the greatest tilters at the windmills of oppression; if only he had been alive during the Dreyfus case! For far too during the Dreyfus case! For far too long now, the opponents of authority have wanted only to replace it by their own version, often a good deal worse (see any statement by any representative of the markist left). More subtly, they are characterized by a mean and whining spirit and a lack of any kind of sense of humour; can you imagine Mr Frank Allaun or the editor of the New Statesman applauding a good speech by an opponent or making a joke?

But Daumier was on the side of

ponent or making a foke?

But Daumier was on the side of life; he really did believe in the freedom his enemies denied, and he sailed into them with the wit, as well as the passion, of Voltaire or Shaw, Heine or Ben Jonson. The effect is extraordinarily heartening, and not only restores a wavering belief in the willingness of brave men and women to resist tyranny, but reinforces the most important truth of all; that in the end, tyranny must fall.

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Labour and the leadership red herring

Labour Editor, was totally wrong in his appraisal (Jan 28) of Mr Frank Chapple's speech at the Labour Party special con-ference at Wembley The reasons

are deeply rooted in the history of the Labour Party.

A significant, say in determining, who should be the leader of the Labour Party is not something which should be gradgingly conceded to the trade unions because it was the unions which created and sus-

tained the party.

The Labour Party was the natural outcome of the enfran-chisement of the working class, the growing strength of the trades union movement and the class biased state apparatus of Parliament and the judici-

Mr Routledge's article made the assumption that the trade unions have "muscled in" and taken over the party. On the contrary, the party was formed following a decision of the Trade Union Congress: whose interest in creating a political party representing Labour had been stimulated by a series of judicial decisions which effectively destroyed union industrial bargaining power.

The party was created to represent those who had nothing to sell but their labour and who were being prevented by the courts from exercising their market power. Workers simply emulated the rich and powerful who effectively control and direct the Tory Party. Historically, it is impossible to contemplate a Labour Party detached from the organized Labour movement. The Labour

Party is a federal body and it is this structure which gives it strength. strength.

The gang of three, whom Mr
Chapple supports, like to Ignore
this fact. For them a united
and effective labour movement must be constrained lest
it permanently upset the
balance between capital and
capitalism suffices.

capitalism suffices. To the question, "whose finger on the political arigger?" the answer must be those members of the labour movement who are either individual or affiliated members of the Libour party. the Labour Party. It is a red herring and Mr Chepple know it, to link communists, fascists and Conservatives as "out-

election of the Labour Party

variably political levy paying members. They are not allowed to be individual members of the party, but work alongsid, Labour Party members in building and strengthening organization both industrially and politically to shift the

balance of power and weslift toward, working people. Conservatives within the trade union movement do no share this common control it is not surprising, therefore that communists are more than represented that share this common objective their communists are more heavily represented that Conservatives in organization; that oppose employers. Conservative trade unionists face the contradiction of being the adversary and ally of their employer at both the industrial and religions have:

and political level. Trade union organization provides the only possible financial support for the Labour Party. But more importanted tant it brings the Labour Part the strength off a movement which represents twelve million workers. The policy for mulation process of individual unions and the TUC contributes vitally to debate within

the Labour Parts.
At conference, union block votes are not wielded at the whim of union leaderships but whim of union leaderships but in accordance with the agreed policies of the union. These policies all unbn members can help formulae. The union block votes the not constitute an undivided voting strength. The political inferences which exist between unions ensure that no single piper can call a united tune. united tune.

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This costrasts with the polit. ical powe bought by capita-lists whose finances boost Tory funds. Policy formulation within the Tory Party involves just few influential employes and business people feeding in their ideas. There is no widspread discussion. But the pres rarely draws atten-tion o the influence held within the Tory Party by big

within the Tory Party by big busines.

Compare, for instance, the extensive Tory cuts in higher income tax rates with Labour's succession of wage cutting income policies and consider white party is more influenced by it paymasters.

Those like Mr Chapple's gan who favour the "one personne vote" system of electing Labour's leader fail to

ing Labour's leader fail to recgnize this fundamental paties. For years they have soight to obscure it by policies which amount to little more then capitalism with a humar fice. The decision at Labour's pecial conference has reversed his process and has recognized he class base of the party. Mr William Rodgers saic ecently that changes in the

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special conference decision would not resolve the problem of the gang of three. This underlines the point that argument over the electoral collegiant. is a question of policy no simply percentages. Now that the constitutions issues have been decided, the

Labour Party needs to concertrate on developing policie which will provide a positiv which will provide a positive alternative to the most reactionary Conservative Government this country has every ment this country has every must address itself to those problems which threaten the future of Britain as an industriation—mass unemployment plummeting manufacturing capacity and low industrial in the processing and low industrial in the process of the provided provided in the process of the provided pr

Union of Engineering Workers."

The author is General Scent tary of the Amalgamate



Workers in Solidarity's headquarters in Warsaw.

certain

of intervention would be horrendous.

If the achievement of a settlement depends largely on

reached between the West and the Soviet Union. If Poland fell off the bough, the settle-ments then reached would lie in ruins and the immediate consequence would be demands for the reunification of Germany which the Federal Democratic Republic would find it impossible overtly to resist. No one else in the Western world would wish to

despite profound differences in many other areas. No one is asking the United States or members of the North Atlants Polish prudence, it also members of the North Atlants terest on the part of the Soviet Union and the West.

The position of the Polish state derives from agreements resident Reagan has been president resident dutging will do much for Ag-hanistan, and it may make he Polish position even harder to resolve, it is to our advantage that the gains made in Eastern Europe in the years of detente, and those recently won in Poland, should be preseved. We have a responsibility towards Poland that demads a modicum of self-restraint not least in the light of elf-interest. So does the Soviet

interests,

Ken Gil

LONDON DIARY

tragedies with which Polish At the same time, to rescue history is littered. In a situa- Poland from its economic tion where the future is difficilly crisis Solidarity must restrain

cult to disceru, there may be its members from making un-some glimmers of hope. First reasonable demands about the Russian position. wages and hours of work. This

There is a story prevalent in Toland, allegedly told by an a far greater degree of confidence can be established beserved in the Russian army tween the authorities and Soliduring the last war. He had held high command in Poland and shortly before the German surronder he had been surroused.

surrender he had been sum-mistic, who believe Poland moned from the front to see might succeed in maintaining Stalin. He obeyed, fearing that within a Socialist economy and

Making the small time at No 10

Any suggestions that the Prime Minister and her principal lieutenants may be about to turn soft on their rigidly monetarist economic crusade should be instantly dispelled by an announcement from Downing Street yesterday about Mrs Thatcher's next party.

Managers and employees from 36 of Britain's most successful small and medium companies have been invited to take a tincture at Margaret's place next Monday evening. The inclusion of employees this time is important: Mrs Thatcher held a similar do last March for her Savourite small businessmen, bur omitted to ask along any of their workers.
The Prime Minister's office

was circulating the list of acceptances yesterday, along with an explanatory note: "They all have in common a spirit of enterprise and make a valuable contribution to Britain's prosperity. Also attending the re-ception will be a number of ministers including Industry

ing place at all hours through-

in the background. A leading member of Solidarity said:

wished to, we could turn out

Soviet Union.
But if the Politbureau and

the Government appear vuinerable, Solidarity is not a highly

disciplined or easily controlled

movement. To organize a mem-bership of eight million which

test against the discontents which have accumulated over

35 years of Socialist govern-ment It is underpinned by the

Everyone knows that if we

being conducted with unprec-edented freedom, it is always in the background. A leading and the Church. In Poland the

the Government tomorrow, but occurred in opposition to inof course we won't. And they
won't because of the provorupt totalitarian socialism.
cation it would be to the
Yet the dilemma facing Soli-

bership of eight million which Solidarity capable or even has been collected in just desirous of governing the under six months presents country. And overshadowing problems, Solidarity is a prothe drama of politics in Poland

Thumbnail sketches of the guests are appended. There is Mr Green the financier: " He is not a sleeping partner but works within the company to help it attain its objectives." And Mr Beavor the banker: "Beavor is not a banker by profession and has brought an imaginative and sympathetic approach to small company finance." And Mr Winckles the other banker: "An imaginative financier with a good entrepreneurial spirit."

Then there is Mr Griffiths the engineer, who found himself with spare space in his factory and gave it over to "entrepreneurial activities therein? Perhaps this galaxy of entrepreneurial talent could put their heads together, and come up with an enterprising way of employing all those miners who are forced to watch their jobs disappear in the name of rationalization.

Hard cash

I learn from the National more appropriate site for Nat-Westminster Bank that they west's next machine would be

actually have some in a Natwest account.

According to Natwest the installation of the machine at the Alcan Plate factory in Birmingham is part of their drive to attract what they call "the unbanked", a term I find depressingly reminiscent of the Orwellian world which is only three years away. It equates those without bank accounts with the unclean, the unwashed, the - uneducated, - and the .. un-

desirahle.

But I find it surprising that they should put a cash machine in a factory at all. The way Midlands these days, with the latest figures showing a quite appalling rise in unemployment of 82 per cent in the last year, by far the highest anywhere in the country, the unbanked are also the unemployed. Perhaps a will open today their first the nearest Jobcentre.

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, service till in a factory. A How well do Customs officers and others interested in proservice till, for anyone who search vehicles? I hear that a moting the success of enterprise. Still clings to the older, parcel of now out-of-print simpler and cheaper system of music by the French composer banking under the mattless, is Durufle has been shuttling a slot machine which coughs un money in return for a taste of tinent for six months, lost in the correct plastic card; a the bowels of a coach which minor condition is that you was searched several times at British ports. The choir which hought the £200 score in Paris had to rearrange its pro-gramme becouse the music was last. It was eventually found in the luggage compartment hy the driver, while giving his bus a

all that they seem. Behind Eastern Europe since 1947 and cratic state or even a kingdom them and advising them but they will, if allowed to be common to inspiring them, are pleted, confer on Solidarity a is in control. Poland's importmental members of the intelligentsia legitimacy which the party ance is not ideological it is and the Church. In Poland the Congress will find it hard to strategic and geographical."

Several conversations I had

with men of experience, pat-

riotism and good faith made me ask myself whether there

was any way forward which would not lead to one of those tragedies with which Polish history is littered. In a situa-

Gang away?

Manoug Nicolian is a wealthy Armenian-born textile merchant who feels that the emergent would do a lot better if it had a more upmarket address. After all, the doctor most associated with Limehouse before David Owen was Fu Manchu. Nicolian has therefore written to Owen and Roy Jenkins offering them the use of his sumptuous new £150,000 mansion at Kintbury.

MINERS Y. MAGGIE /// the house, which is nearing and key Jenking offering them the use of his sumptuous new completion, is discreetly situated in parkland, has four already done so, others are spacious bedrooms and an taking the more imaginative abundance of reception rooms.

Nicolian said yesterday that

an ideal retreat where the Labour, breakaway movement can plan and organize in peace and quiet the formation of a party of the centre", he said. So far, none of the Gang-Of-However-Many-It-Now-Is taken up the offer in spite of the carrot of financial help to the infant movement from Nicolian, who says he votes Tory but dislikes the leftward

movement of Labour.

The Kintbury mansion does have its drawbacks. It is 80 miles from London; Berkshire is perhaps just a little too posh; and it is sited in the grounds. of a health farm whose clients include a number of overweight Conservative MPs.

Living high
Those much abused tower,
blocks of council flats, which proliferated in the 1960s and early 1970s, may after all have a future, one of which I am sure the present Government would heartily approve. While several local authorities are preparing to demolish them,

Hard on the heel; of the news that Liverpol council has exchanged tracts for the sali of the vandalized and unihabitable "piggeries", I am now informed of an den more advanced scheme in Edinburgh. Somewhat to the surprise of the Department of he Environment which disclains responsibility for anyhing that happens north of the border, the previously deflict 23-storey

Martello Court, at Muirhouse, has been refurb hed for sale. The whole pricess has taken harely a year, and the two-bedroom flor are being snapped up at ground £10,000 each. The young man responsible. Jan Mackay. describes the bevelopment as

both socially acceptable and socially consciers, so it may be slightly churlis to remark that residents will be protected from, sociall unacceptable elements by a 11ft high perimeter wall.

Here s to me

Here is a upful hint on etiquette, passed down to me from a highly placed source, should you ever be sked to dine with

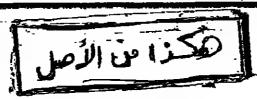
a Very Highly Placed Perso My man was dining at Ba-moral as part of the entourag of the then rime to the bac, (now retired to the bac, benches). Another member on partitionent the Downing Street parts clearly unused to eating at suc a high level, was a heav, rsmoker. He fidgeted and bit him. fingernails throughout the mea ... until he could contain himsel . no longer. Do I have to wait for th

loyal toast until I can smoke? he whispered to the Queen private secretary.

"Just remember where you are", the secretary breather back. "She isn't going to toas herself, is she? You can smoke a whenever you like."

I have had a desperate appea from the parents of an 11 month-old boy in Whiteparish Willshire, who was born of February 29 last year. Thes tell them, on the hasis o. either irrefutable logic or his toric precedent, whether to celebrate the lad's first birth day on February 28 or March

Alan Hamilton





JOB PROTECTION IN THE PITS

The Government are right to forestall the momentum of events in the coal industry and seek an immediate meeting with miners' leaders and National Coal Board officials. The unofficial strike begun yesterday in South Wales threatens to create an amnosphere of crisis which will make it more difficult for the negotiators on either side to find the compromise which can and should resolve this dispute. On the union side, approaching internal elections add pressures of their own. Memories of 1974, and the political hopes and fears arrached to them, are adding an artificial drama to an issue where no fundamental differences of policy divide the opponents.

The miners have always accepted that old pits have to close. Joint machinery exists to discuss how and when to close them, and the lives of 40 pits have been ended in the last seven years, with no serious conflict except in one or two cases. But no agreed criteria exist for assessing when a mine is no longer viable, and the recession has put a double strain on the system. For the management, constrained by cash limits, the sharp fall in demand for coal has made it more difficult to afford the cost of lossmaking pits. For the miners, unemployment has increased. resistance to the disappearance:

of any more jobs. It is common ground that no simple calculation of profit or loss is adequate to determine the fate of a pit. The NCB has many pits where coal has been mined. at a loss for years. Apart from the need to provide some stability of employment in communities. dependent on the local pit, coal is a natural resource whose stocks are ultimately limited (though plentiful at the

moment), and it is in a wider sense unthrifty to abandon for ever seams that can be exploited at only a moderate loss.

interests of the industry at heart. The miners' leaders are fond of rhetoric, about their, having no right to disinherit future generations of miners. In that perspective, the marginal pits must be of less importance than the big investment programmes in new coalfields. There is a strong case on grounds of national self-sufficiency in energy for securing the future of a healthy indigenous coal industry, and great progress has been made towards that recently, especially in production per man. Bur even so, more money in recent years has gone into refurbishing old pits than into the provision of new capacity. It would be self-defeating for the union to seek to tilt the

balance still further that way.

The NCB's investment pro-

gramme will always, involve choices of this kind, and the recession would have made them increasingly painful under any Government. But the financial objectives were imposed in the Coal Industry Act last year has limited the NCB's range of action much more sharply. The industry is to be required to pay its way without operating subsidies by 1983-84. Self-sufficiency is an excellent aim in principle, but since the Act was framed the recession has made it an impossible one to achieve without a farmore rigorous policy towards the loss-making sector than was ever envisaged. It is an aim to work towards, but not one that it is worth striving to achieve in three years even if the cost is a national coal strike.

In 1974 both sides of the indus try agreed on a national plan for coal which predicted a closure rate of three to four million . Both sides have the long-term tonnes capacity a year in the first decade—a target never actually sustained. Now the board is looking for closures of more like 10 million tonnes over the next year. A change of policy as sharp as that cannot be accomplished without preparation and negotiation. But the fundamental economic situation is one that cannot be negoriated away, and the union must see the danger of jeopardizing the long-term future of the industry for the sake of some short-life pits.

The miners' leaders claim to be contemptuous of offers of the "fools." gold of transfer payments, redundancy payments, and the like. As in the steel industry, the workers themselves may think differently. Ample and effective provision to ease the social consequences of closure can be a good bargain for both sides — and certainly more rewarding for British industry than the ban on coal imports sought by Mr Gormley, which would simply transfer the problems of uneconomic pits to the uneconomic steelworks which survive only by use of cheap

imported coal. Both sides in the talks will have to keep their shared interest in the future of their industry well in view, resisting short-term pressures. A national strike would be long, and uncertain in its outcome despite the high stocks of coal above ground and the new rules on picketing. It would do serious damage to manufacturing industry in - its present condition. It would also eopardize the long-term development of the coal industry against the interests of the miners themselves.

TALKING OF GERMAN UNITY

Herr Honecker, the East German party leader, must have done some serious thinking and consulting before suddenly raising the question of German unification in a speech to party workers on Sunday. He must also have consulted with the Russians. A subject of such reverberating significance is not brought lightly from the closet in which it has lain for so many years. But what his weighty reasons were can only be guessed at.

From the time of their creation intil 1969 both German states formally held the view that, reinification was their ultimate tim. For East Germany it would tome with the victory of sociaism; for the West Germans it vould come with free elections. East Germany blamed the diviion on western imperialism in eague with German capital; Nest Germany blamed it on Soviet imperialism in league with Jerman communists. Each saw a olution only in terms of the vicory of its own system. Each subcribed, whether explicitly or 101, to the questionable notion hat Bismarck's success in weldng together a number of German states for a relatively brief period represented in some way he natural logic of German

nistory. The situation became more complicated when West Germany started its opding to the east ind eventual established fornal relations with East Germany inder the treaty of 1972. The West German formula was "one nation, two states ", and the aim was to keep the nation together by negotiating human contacts in eturn for recognizing the sovereignty of East Germany. The East Germans, however, wanted full recognition as an independent state. They wanted to put a final dampener on restless hopes of reunification and settle the frontiers of Europe once and for all. They wanted to be regarded by West Germany as a

foreign country. This the West Germans could not grant because their constitution obliges them to strive for reunification (as did the constitution of East Germany until is was amended). In their treaty, therefore, the two states agreed to differ on "the national question". Bonn conducts its relations not through the Foreign Ministry but through the Chancellor's office, and continues to recognize only one nationality, which means that East Germans are automatically entitled to West German passports and full rights in West Germany, East Germany, until now, has

continued to compensate for the opening up of personal contacts with a systematic campaign to establish itself as a fully legiti-mate and permanent German state, heir to the revolutionary traditions of German bistory and custodian of the "progressive?" elements in German culture. All talk of reunification ceased in the 1970s except for a brief reference by Herr Honecker in 1978. West Germany's references to the continuing existence of a Germon notion were dismissed "nationalist demagogy". It was explained that nations were the product of class struggle and that a shared history was irrelevant to the increasingly sharp distinction between the two German nations, one socialist, one bour-

Herr Honecker's apparent modification of this line seems to open a new phase. Obviously he is on sound ideological ground. When communism eventually triumphs, as doctrine says it must, the class struggle will end. the nation state will wither away, and German worker will embrace German worker across the Elbe. Addressing the party faithful, Herr Honecker may have felt obliged to remind them of this glittering prospect in order to raise their morale and give them some words of hope to repeat at party meetings. East Germans are probably feeling a little lonely now. Their contacts with West Germany have been sharply reduced by the new regulations on compulsory exchange of currency, and seem further threatened by the deterioration of east-west relations as a whole. Their contacts with Poland have been reduced by the troubles there. Their wall is closing in

But perhaps the party leaders are also coming to admit to themselves that their attempts to confer historical legitimacy on their state have had only limited success. Even the recent exhibition of Prussian history and the erection of the statue of Frederick the Great in East Berlin have not wholly persuaded the people of East Germany that theirs is the more truly German Germany and that their future can be divorced from that of the artifi-

cial American creation across the wall. Indeed, the national question is, by all accounts, discussed far more frequently and with more genuine concern in East Germany than in West Germany. Every reference to German history enlivens it still more. Herr Honecker may feel, therefore, that if he cannot beat the trend he had better try to steer it in ideologically safe directions.

He could have other motives too. He is certainly aware that in West Germany there has been a sudden surge of interest in German history, coupled with a lively debate about artirudes to East Germany. The debate has recently been fuelled by an interview given by Herr Gaus, the departing head of the West German mission to East Germany, who called upon his countrymen to re-think their attitude towards East Germany in the light of German history, and to abandon their over-simplified view of Bismarck's work. Others have chimed in to point out that the German nation, whatever it is, has never been contained within one state. This debate must be spilling over into East Germany and although ir should be welcome as pushing West Germans towards greater acceptance of East Germany, any debare about German history is bound to be unsettling in a state nor truly persuaded of its own

legicimacy.
So the main audience for Herr Honecker's remarks was probably intended to be domestic. But he also made sure they reached West Germany. Perhaps he wanted to tell Herr Schmidt that he was still interested in doing business. Perhaps he wanted to make Polish flesh creep at the thought of German reunification, thereby pointing up the value of alliance with the Soviet Union. But nearer the top of his mind may have been a wish to encourage the left wing Social Democrats. Some of them talk a lor about a German road to socialism which might bring the two states together in a synthesis of all that is best from east and west. Since these are often the same people who oppose increased defence spending. resist the stationing of American missiles in Europe, and criticize the United States most openly. Herr Honecker and the Russians would see them as natural allies in their attempts to weaken the

Women in Parliament

From Mr Michael Steed Sir, It is paradoxical that Mrs Barbara Castle Treport, January 281 should deplore the low percentage of women in the House of Commons since she valiantly defends the primary cause—the British electoral stem. The more candidates a party las to nominate at one go, the more likely it is to achieve a reasonable proportion of women: the figures that Mrs Castle quotes show the effect with startling clarity.

The United Kingdom, with purcty single-member system, is bottom of the league table with 3 per cent. France comes next, with 4.3 per cent; here a single member system is used hut each candidate nominated with a named replacement, so for nominating purposes it is more like a two-memoer system. Women members of the Assemblee Nationale tend to come in as replucements. Then Ireland at 7.1 per cent-the Irish use a proportional system but in constituencies of only three or four members. Next Germany at 8 per cent; although their system is fully proportional, half the seats are fought in single member constituencies and most women members of the Bundestag depend on the regional lists for

Finally come five countries, all with proportional representation in large regional constituencies; Three Catholic ones, which only gave women the vote after the Second women the vote after the Second World War, average 11.2 per-cent. Top of Mrs Castle's table are two countries which extended the suffrage at the same time as Britain -Protestant Denmark (23.5 per cent) and mixed Netherlands (14.7

Britain is culturally similar to these two countries. It should be a sobering thought for Mrs Castle that if Britain, like them, had adopted a fully proportional electoral system in 1918, there would now be over 100 women in the House of Commons. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL STEED. Department of Government, Faculty of Economic and Social Studies. University of Manchester, Manchester.

Liberals on education

western alliance.

From Mr Alan Beith, MP Berwick-upon-Tweed (Liberal) Sir, Mrs Checksfield (February 14) writes that she is waiting for liberals to utter a liberal word on the subject of parental freedom to spend their own modey on educat-ing their children as they think fit.

As for as Liberals with a capital L are concerned, she has no need to wait. We have consistently detended this basic civil right, and no Liberal government would take no Liberal government would take it away. We are passionately concerned to achieve the highest standards in the state education system on which the vast majority of children depend, and we are appalled at the cuts which, as HM leasure they have carealed. Inspectors have revealed, are lower-

ing standards.
We do object strongly to the present Government's diversion of public funds from the starved state sector into private schools, but it is no part of our policy to enforce a state monopoly of education. Yours faithfully,

ALAN BEITH, Liberal Spokesman House of Commons.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Meanwhile, the so-called energy

debate takes another wrong turn,

The discussion ought to be about a start date for the gasification of coal while it is still in the ground. About

starting to use gas to generate elec-tricity which it does more cost-efficiently than burning oil or coal.

About starting to humanise men's working lives, so they can have de-

cent alternatives to the sweat and

That these questions seem to be beyond the public capabilities of

all whose little brief authority en-titles, them to wheel and deal in Britain's energy politics is the sub-ject's tragicomedy—and ours.

Sir. Your announcement (report, February 14) of the continuous fall in the rate of inflation has coincided with the arrival of the quarterly

accounts for electricity and gas

used in my modest household-both

showing an increase over this time

last year (for slightly less energy

consumed) of a thumping 30 per

cent. To some extent one has become accustomed to the incon-

tinent pricing of electricity bills, but over the years the gas industry has given much proof of its excel-

lence and efficiency. Now, however, the politicians have

seen fit to interfere. We are told that we are using too much of our

must therefore pay more for the privilege. This island, Sir, rests on immense quantities of coal. For years before North Sea gas was

heard of we made perfectly good

gas from our coal supplies and we

This whole business seems indeed to be a political-confidence trick.

Ordinary people rely on gas for cooking their food and for hesting their homes. These are basic necessities, and this harsh and

superfluous tax on gas consumption for that is what it is adds

appreciably to the general cost of

living and threatens in particular the health and wellbeing of the poor

and the elderly.

If the Government wants the Gas

Board to pay for British Leyland, then let it be honest and say so.

Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY PHALP,

86 Marryat Road. Wimbledon, SW19.

could surely do so again.

precious North Sea gas and that

ARTHUR POTTERSMAN, 33 Redidgton Road, Hampstead, NW3, February 16,

From Mr G. A. Phalp

Yours truly,

Nationality Bill anxieties

From the Archbishop of Liverpool Sir, If a Bill proposes a change in Sir, If a Bill proposes a change in the basis of the right to nationality from being born in that country (just soli) to the status of parents or blood (just sanguinis), such a measure may well be thought to have racial implications in its administration.

Mr. Ronald Butt (article, February 13) approprint considers such a such

Mr. Ronald Butt (article, February 12) apparently considers such a suggestion "impertment.". But it is at the heart of the anxiety felt by some of the ethnic minorities about the British Nationality Bill. It is to help allay, such anxieties that an affirmation of the multiracial characters for protectal identity was been ter of our national identity has been sought.

Should Mr Butt fail to understand why people question that the accept-ance of this multiracial character is ance of this multiracial character is self-evident, he might study the re-port in your newspaper of February 5 of the evidence submitted to the Home Secretary by the Joint Committee against Racial Discrimination.
Yours faithfully, **TDEREK WORLOCK,
Archbishop of Liverpool,
Archbishop's House,
87, Green Lane,
Mossley Hill, Liverpool,

From the Reverend R. Elliott

February 13.

Sir, Ronald Butt, in his intemperate attack an Archbishop Worlock (February 12) implies that it is no business of the Archbishop and his colleagues to comment on the clauses of a Bill.

This is a strange doctrine Surely

This is a strange docurine. Surely every citizen should be encouraged to take a lively interest in parlia-mentary affairs. Well informed and intelligent people may properly voice support or criticism for aspects of proposed legislation. What sort of democracy does be want?

You, Sir, wrote in an editorial (July 31) when the White Paper on the subject was published, Such proposals need to be examined with great care to see that they are really necessary and that they would not perpetrate an injustice. Citizenship is a field in which a minor error in legislation becomes a major wrong into the individual. Church leaders have very clearly been following your wise advice. Yours muly,

R. ELLIOTT KENDALL, Director, Community and Race Relations Unit, British Council of Churches, 2 Eaton Gate, SW1. February 13.

Remands in custody From the Honorary Secretary of the

Justices' Clerks' Society Sir, This society shares the fears of Lord Gardiner (February 13) about longer remands in tustody. That is why, in our evidence to the Home Affairs Committee of the House of Commons on February 9 we need Commons on February 9, we urged that remands in custody in excess of a week should be ordered only where the accused is legally represented and and are second to the second or the second of the seco

sented and consents to this course. The problems of the 28-day remand in magistrates' courts, however, fade into insignificance when compared with those of the accused who has been committed for trial to the Crown Court in custody. At this stage of the criminal process there is no periodic review of the case by a court or anyone else. It was reputed, for example, that when he broke out of Brixton Prison, Gerard Tuite bad spent over a year in custody awaiting his trial at the

That is why, in our evidence to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure, we suggested the aboli-tion of committal proceedings and replacement by an application to discharge procedure, One of the grounds for discharge would be that the prosecution had been unduly tardy in bringing their case. We were glad to see that this proposal was accepted in essence by the

Philips commission.
Delay which is inimical to justice is unacceptably prevalent in some parts of the country and something must be done to control

Yours faithfully. GERARD SULLIVAN, Magistrates' Court, PO Box 107. Nelson Street, Bristol.

Family matters From Mrs Caroline Woodroife

Sir, I am beginning to believe that Dr Adrian Rogers (February 12) would prefer to see a girl under 16 suffer an abortion or childbirth rather than allow her doctor to prescribe contraception to protect her from pregnancy.

Last year 3500 girls under 16 had abortions and 1,300 girls under 16 gave birth. Maternal mortality among mothers under 16 is between three and four times higher than overall maternal mortality. The babies of these very young mothers are also at risk. For every 1,000 babies born alive to mothers under 16, 24 die before they are a year

Can moral outrage really be so cruel? Yours faithfully, CAROLINE WOODROFFE Chairman, Brook Advisory Centres, 133a East Street, SE17.

Wrong pin-up From Mr David Jamieson

February 12.

Sir. I fear that in their rush to congratulate The Times on its newly-assured future. Messrs Dorland Advertising Ltd. have allowed the wrong caption to accompany the "page 3 lovely", published yesterday (February 13). As the Charles Spirit of Ecstusy was sculpted in 1910 by Charles Sykes, modelled on Eleanor, secretary to Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, and cast for the first time in bronze on February 6, 1911, surely it becomes evident that Crewe's 70-year-old Emily is, in fact, Beaulieu's 70-year-old Eleanor. Yours faithfully, DAVID JAMIESON. 420 Roward Drive,

Solihull, West Midlands.

Miners' strike: Some economic facts

From Mr Charles Wyatt Sir, In the last decade the National Union of Mineworkers used its

industrial muscle to push wages to a level where coal ceased to be priced competitively. As a result we were sucking in exports from

Europe and elsewhere. Rather than acknowledge that it overplayed its hand it now wants to attack the consumer/taxpayer in two more ways: first, by striking, and second, by having the Government subsidize the coal price.

Can the NUM seriously contend it is representing the best interests first mambers. Come the day

of its members? Come the day when industrial logic rather than political dogma dominates its argunents, it may not have an industry Yours faithfully. CHARLES WYATT, 26 Delvino Road. Parsons Green, SW6. --February 16.

From Mr Lewis Sergeant

Sir, In the forthcoming power struggle between the coal miners and our democratically elected Government could we please clear our minds about the performance of the NCB since nationalization? Although with increased mechanisation (and depreciation charges) the output per man has increased by about 90 per cent between 1947 and 1980, productivity (defined as output per man per pound at given levels of technology and extraction

difficulty) has declined from an average of about 6.8 to 4.8 tonnes/man/pound at 1980 prices.

This decline would be greater still if depreciation charges were added to the denominator and would be directly comparable with the increase in cost of toal if the industry had not received substan-

tial subsidies. The whole raison d'être of the Thatcher Government is the link between productivity and prosperity yet most commentators still confuse productivity with output and ignore the financial aspects. Yours truly,

LEWIS SERGEANT. 108 Horseferry Road, SW1. February 16.

From Mr A. L. Pottersmon

Sir, As we tumble along towards the post-industrial society, it's odd to see the puritan work ethic resuscirated by Mr. McGahey, the Scottish miners' leader. As he so fiercely wields his promised blacksmith's hammer to the unyielding delight of the Tories' anvil (sic)—who is to be battered and moulded into sub-

mission?.
Presumably the miners themselves, without whom Mr.McGahey's own job ceases to exist.

From the Denn of Worcester College

Sir, Those who are contemplating

forming or joining a new centre party should reflect on the likely consequences of their actions. The low vote for the Labour Party at the last general election suggests that

most of those who do not fancy the

left-wing Labour government should make sure that they do not con-

will be not good regretting it after-

Sir, Mr Foot's belated efforts to

reassert in his party the authority

of the leadership, and acknowledge-

ment that the constitutional channel

for effecting political change must lie through Parliament and nor

through picket-line, leave one voter

of his own age group cynically

unconvinced. In our youth Mr Foot

played his part in endeavouring to.

rarian aims hardly less dangerous.

Chamberlain.

The parallel is apposite in that it

was a Tory member who found words for the doom!taden appeal for someone to " speak for England" that brought Chamberlain down:

and if none of the standard-bearers

tribute to its coming to powe

H. G. PITT. Worcester College, Oxford.

From Mr Raphael Loeice

the voters.

wards:

Yours sincerely.

February 16.

Labour and the centre

of the Council for Social Democracy is quite of a stature to sound an equally dramatic clarion call, one hopes that their collective reputaally street a following capable of effecting a political realignment no less fraught with practical conseonences than was the debate in which Amery spoke out.

way that party has been going have already left. Mrs Williams and her As a non-party voter, I welcome the possible emergence of a centre party for which, at the next elec-tion but one, I might feel able to vote should its development of elecfriends are following, not leading. A new party will draw the bulk of its support from the Conserva-tives. Given our "first past the toral muscle offer the prospect of replacing the present Labour Parry bear garden by a responsible oppo-sition premared to play a construcpost " electoral system a likely result of a strong centre vote will be that tive role in parliamentary democracy. That, surely, is some-thing which the Tory Party, as Labour will scrape home in a number of constituencies with a minority of the popular vote. Should such divisions between the centre and the right give a majority in the House of Commons to their opponents, it is unlikely that such constitutionalists, must also wish for; and insofar as I believe that at its best it will always put national above sectional or party a government would feel restrained from irrevocable legislation by the interests, electoral reform leading to proportional representation seems to me a price which it ought to feel fact that it had only a minority of worth the paying. the nopular vote.

Those who, rightly, fear such a

The alternative is frightening, even though Mr Foot and I would hopefully not be around to see its results in their full starkness.

Vours etc. RAPHAEL LOEWE. 50 Gurney Drive, N2. February 16.

From Mr Patrick Lewin Sir. In advising Mrs Shirley Williams "like a latter-day Aeneas, to set out on her wanderings". Mr Littlewood (February 14) appears to have overlooked not only the unconscionable time it took Aeneas to reach his destination but what befell his companions at the very

outset:

One ship carried the Lyclans, under their trusty chief Orontes, As Aeneas watched, a gigantic breaker came crashing from its crest onto the stern. The helmsman was whirled head foremost overboard, and fell face downwards. The ship sou three times round where she lay; then a whirlpool caucht her and sucked her under.

Not even their worst enemies alert the country to the threat of totalitarianism. In his afternoon years, purblind in the face of totaliif more insidious, from another quarter, the mantle which he has unwittingly assumed is not that of Angurin Beyan, but that of Neville

Not even their worst enemies ought to wish that dreadful fate upon the Liberal Party and their Yours faithfully. PATRICK LEWIN. Tranquil Tower, 48A Tranquil Vale,

February 14.

Development aid From Lord Jellicoe and Mr Michael

H. Caine

Sir. Mr. Malcolm Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, recently announced that the emphasis of this year's Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting will be on the problems of the Third World.

It is, therefore, paradoxical and a disappointing reflection on this country's sense of priorities that the Commonwealth Development Cornoration (CDC) should now be fac-ing a funding crisis which seriously-threatens to curtail the attivities of what is certainly the Commonwealth's and, arguably, the world's mast productive development insti-

As your recent series of articles illustrated, CDC has justifiably carned an enviable reputation for, successful basic development, particularly in aericulture. Above all, CDC is a vital established institution operating on the criterion of profitability—in share contrast to some development aid of the " handout " variety.

It may not always be recognized that CDC also plays a vital development role in conjunction with private enterprise. For example, our own companies have reason to be grateful for CDC's early support of major agricultural projects in, for example, Kenva, Papua New Guinea and Swaziland, without which the schemes concerned—of significant importance to the countries con-cerned—might never have left the drawing board.

We believe it is widely recognized in this country and abroad that CDC's experience and expertise is of unique benefit to a wide spec-trum of developing nations. It would surely be a travedy if this was to be jeonardized at a time when concern is increasingly foc-used on Third World food production and the efficient management of natural resources generally. Yours faithfully.

JELLICOE, Chairman, Tate & Lyle Ltd.
MICHAEL H. CAINE. Chairman, Booker McConnell Ltd.

Repairs at Palace Mr McGahev Isn't alone in public life in not listening to the cliches he mouths and not understanding what they really mean. Perhaps that's just as well. The results re-veal more about our leaders; by their inadvertencies shall ye know them! of Westminster.

From the Master of the Worshipfau
Company of Masons Sir, The Court of the Worshipful Sir. The Court of the Worshipful Company of Masons of the City of London have heard with considerable disquiet of the deterioration and need for extensive repair and reinstatement of the Palace of Westminster. They have studied the third and fourth reports from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services). They have also noted the answers to the questions asked in the House of Commons on

asked in the House of Commons on January 26 and are concerned at the limited nature of what is proposed. The experts who have been consulted have advised on the need to proceed with cleaning and large-scale repairs to the fabric, but the

scale repairs to the fabric, but the present decision is that only stones which are in danger of falling in the proximity of the entrance doorways are to be attended to. We feel that the penalty of doing too little for too long is that so much has to be done in the end and at very greatly increased cost to the public purse.?

The members of the court are tully aware of the financial difficulties at the present time. They recognize the obvious wish of Parliament to give a lead to the nation in so far as public expenditure is concerned. These buildings are, however, among the most famous in the world and they are seen by the world and they are seen by millions of overseas visitors every year. They cannot look after themselves and the older they get the more care they need. Delay in treatment may prove hazardous in

the extreme. The proof of this is surely abundantly clear in that almost every cathedral has in recent years had to launch a major restoration

It is the considered opinion of the various professional and technical members of the court of the company that the experts' report should appeal. be implemented in full and that a long-term programme should be undertaken even in the present economic conditions; the requisite skills exist. Yours faithfully,

ROBERT NOTT, Master. The Worshipful Company of Masons, 9 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2. February 11.

EEC languages

Prom Sir Peter Vanneck, MEP for Cleveland (Conservative) Sir. It is a nice coincidence that both the article on "Five factors combine to make English world language. professor says" and David Wood's feature, "High cost of EEC's Tower of Eabel", appear in Mon-

day's Times together.

I believe, on the one hand, that every member of the European Parliament has a right to speak in and be interpreted from his mother tongue, and on the other that the number of official languages for reduced. The increasing complexi-ties of simultaneous interpretation, and the expense will bedocuments must be drastically faced whenever another nation

toins It must be remembered, for instance, that there are few Greek-ancaking Danes and vice versa, so that English or French has to come in as an intermediary with inevitable time lags (laughter in the wrong place) and diminished col-loquial accuracy. But it would be quite unethical to expect all MEPs to be multilingual in debate. The documentary translation scene is

Greek alphabet itself.

In my view that really vast extravagance in paper, printing and distribution, let alone translation, must be cut at once to the "big four" before Spain and Portugal join. If difficulty is then experienced, national delegations must make their own less expensive arrangements. The fact is that adding just one more official language is not a

simple addition for the workload and cost but a compound one. Now that we are making some progress towards the economy of a single seat for the Parliament, it is my intention at the appropriate time to put forward a resolution to reduce our official languages for documents to English, French, German and Italian. But when will any time be considered appropriate by the other nations? The debate will be a heated one.

Yours truly, PETER VANNECK. 1st Floor City Gate House, Finsbury Square, EC2. February 16.

Musical enigmas

From Mr Norman Del Mar Sir. The last thing I ever thought to do was to set Mr Bernard Levin to rights over anything, but he has gone astray on two counts in today's article (February 11).

Woo, as applied to works by Beethoven, stands for "Werke ohne Opuszahl"—ie, works without opus number—which are listed and so numbered in Kinsky, the Beethoven Köchel. And, much though this dashes Mr

Levio's prejudiced hones, a heautiful green-bound complete catalogue, fully indexed, of Max Reger's works stands on my shelves, prepared by Fritz Stein and published by Breitkopf and Härtel, clearly as an act of faith, since they published hardly any of the music itself. Yours faithfully. NORMAN DEL MAR, Witchings. Hadley Common. Hertfordshire.

The sleights of love From Mr Robert Sopwith

Sir. My beautiful St Valentine's Day stamp is almost obliterated on a letter received today, ferociously "Haigspoken", legended: "properly addressed. Postcode it." Yours outschoolmastered. ROBERT SOPWITH, . Heathcote. Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

February 14.

The House of Orchids (Ratcliffe Orchids Ltd), Didcot, has staged

a 40ft exhibit of phalaenopsis (moth) and hybrid paphlopedilum (ladies slipper) orchids, all first flowering seedlings of its breeding. All the plants displayed are

ideally sulted for growing in the home as houseplants, where, for three months during the winter, they will display their flowers to perfection. There is a good range of colours from which to choose.



at the Porter Tun Room, Whit-bread's Brewery, Chiswell Street,

His Royal Highness, Patron, was present at a Concert given by the English Chamber Orchestra at the

Royal Festival Hall, SEL.
Mr Francis Cornish was in

attendance.
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark
Phillips, Patron of the National
Union of Townswomen's Guids,
this morning attended the BBC

National Embroidery Competition at Debenham's, Oxford Street, W1.

in attendance.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded

the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 17: The Duchess of
Kent today opened the new Sports
Hall and Community Centre at
Reynolds High School, Acton.
Miss Carola Godman Irvine was
in attendance

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel in Chief of the Intelligence

Corps, will lunch with members of the Grey and Green Club at

Artillery House, Randel Street, London, on February 20.

The Duke of Gloucester is patron of the Kensington Society.

Mr H. L. Beales, 92; Major Sir Harold Bibby, 92; Sir Artbur Bryant, 82; Miss Phyllis Calvert, 64; Lieutenaut-General Sir Donald Dunstan, 58; Sir Basil McFarland, 83; Sir Arthur Norman, 64; Mr Ned Sherrin, 50,

and Miss S. F. Lewis
A service of blessing was held yesterday in Lincoln's Ing Chapel after the marriage of Mr Ian Kennedy Bradley, formerly of Scarging, Norfolk, to Miss Sarah Frances Lewis, of Tarset, North-umberland, Canon Richard Tydeman officiated. A reception was held afterwards at Brown's Hotel.

The marriage took place quietly in Aylesbury on February S between Mr Max Clover and Mrs Felicity Watson.

Lieut-Colonel M. H. C. France and Mrs F. S. Low

The marriage took place on Tues-day, February 17, in the Punjab Frontier Force Memorial Chapel,

Frontier Force Memorial Chapel, Chelsea Parish Churth of St Luke between Lieut-Colonel Maitland France and Mrs Dorothy Low, widow of the late Major F. S. Low. Prebendary E. H. Loasby officiated, assisted by the Rev D. J. Carter, Rector of St Thomas' Church, Woolton Hill.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr G, S. H. Low and Major J. W. Humphries was best man.

The marriage took place on January 22 between Mr Michael Hall and Miss Caroline Fisher, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. J. V. Fisher, of 1 Park Terrace, Cambridge.

The life barony conferred on Sir

Michael Meredith Swann, has

been gazetted by the name, style

and title of Baron Swann, of Coin

St Denys in the county of Glou-

Latest appointments

Mr William Bentley, to be British

High Commissioner to Malaysia in

succession to Sir Donald Hawley

Dr Keith Taylor, George de Forest

Barnett Professor of Medicine at

Stanford University, California, to

be Director General designate of

the Health Education Council in

succession to Mr Alastair Mackle.

The Rev Percy L. Ashiord, to be

Chaplain General of the Prison

Service in succession to Canon

Mr R. J. Quian
A service of thanksgiving for the
life of Mr Roger Quian was held
at St Paul's, Rnightsbridge, yesterday. The Rev A. C. C. Courtauld

officiated, Mr David Tolhurst read

the lesson, Mr David Gubbins said prayers and Mr John Yeldham

Leslie Lloyd-Rees.

Memorial service

Mr M. Hall and Miss C. Fisher

Lord Swann

cestershire.

Birthdays today

Mr I. K. Bradley and Miss S. F. Lewis

Mr M. G. C. Clover and Mrs F. J., Watson

was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

in attendance.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was

By Our Horticulture Correspondent

The Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall, Westminster, is ablaze

with plants of interest and colour exhibited by more than 30 com-panies at the first flower show of

the year. Not only are there many different types of plants, both hardy and tender, but also displays

of paintings and photographs and

attands of gardening sundries. On the first day there were a large number of people keen to see what plants are at their best

at this time of year.

Three well-deserved gold medals

have been awarded in the plant section and two in that of paint-

section and two in that of paintings and photographs.

T. Rochford and Sons, Broxbourne, won a gold medal for a very structively displayed range of flowering and foliage house-plants. Some 70-year-old paims, which have received a bossai type of root treatment to keep them.

of root treatment to keep them

within bounds, made a superb focal point, as did an excellent specimen plant of medicilla, with its pink flowers and bracks set off

to perfection by its shipy deep green leaves. Attracting much attention were Rochford's mini-

colours and many fragrant, as well as their scented strains of Primula acautis, again of many

Admiral of the Fleet

The funeral service for Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser of North Cape will be beld at St Barbara's Church, HMS Excellent, Whale Island, Portsmouth, at 11.15 on Friday, February 20. Those attending are asked to be seated by 10.55. The service will be preceded by a naval funeral procession starting in the approaches to HMS Excellent at 11.00.

Those wishing to attend the

Those wishing to attend the service should note that it is necessary to restrict numbers to

those having some association with Lord Fraser and to service repre-sentation. Applications should be made by telephone to (01) 218 3608 not later than noon on Thurs-

3608 not later than noon on Thursday, February 19.

Dress for RN officers: No 4s (with medals) negative swords. Ratings; No 1s. Mourning bands to be worn by officers only. Retired service personnel may wear uniform or dark lounge suit. A private family cremation will take place afterwards. The ashes will be committed at sea off HMS Sheffield on Wednesday February

will be committed at sea off HMS Shelfield on Wednesday, February

A hook of remembrance will be open for signature at St Anne's Church, HM Dockyard, Portsmouth, between 12.00 and 17.00 on Thursday, February 19, and 9.00 and 10.00 on Friday, February 20.

Details of a memorial service to be held in London will be announced later.

Mr Martin Joseph Roth has been elected a Bencher of Lincoln's Inc.

Lord Fraser

of North Cape.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 17: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 17: The Duke of Gloucester was present this evening at
the Annual Dinner of the Chartered Institute of Building at the
City of London Guildhali...
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland this morning. The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury), had an audience of Her Majesty this

rvening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Semor Fellow, chaired the Fellowship of Engineering Annual General Meeting at St James's Palace this

orming. Mr Richard Davies was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, as President
of the Royal Society of Arts, this afternoon presided at a meeting of the Committee for the Environment at Adelphi, John Adam Spreet, WC2. Major John Cargin was in

aftendance.
The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon Edward Adeane, L'The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon Edward Adeane, visited the offices of The Econo-mist at 25 St James's Street, SW1. "His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regiment of Wales, this afternoon at Bucking-ham Palace received Lieutenaut-Chlonel R. Scott upon relitiquishing command of the 4th (V) Banation and Lieutenant-Colonel M. G. R. Roberts upon assuming

The Prince of Wales, President, this evening attended a Reception in aid of the Mary Rose Trust

Forthcoming marriages

Mr L. E. Mosesson and Miss J. Witherby and wass J. Winner by
The engagement is announced
between Lars, youngest son of
the late Mr T. Mosesson and Mrs B. Mosesson, of Hanover Gardens, London, and Josephine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. F. Witherby, of Midhurst, Sussex,

Mr. M. S. Mitchell
and Miss S. H. Duerr
The engagement is ennounced
between Martin Spencer, only son
of Mr and Mrs B. S. Mitchell, of
Earby, Lancashire, and Sarah
Helen, eider daughter of Mr and
Mrs. H. Duerr, of Presthury Mrs H. Duerr, of Prestbury, Cheshire.

Mr S. C. Michell and Miss B. A. Walsh The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Commander and Mrs J. P. P. Michell, of The Old Rectory, Clipston, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, and Bridget, elder daughter of Major-General and Mrs M. J. H. Walsh, of Grafton House, East Grafton, Mariborough, Witsbire.

Marriages

Sir Barrie Heath and Miss J. E. McKee The marriage took place quietly in London, on February 17, be-tween Sir Barrie Heath and Miss Joan Elizabeth McKee. Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Alton was christoned Edmund John by the Dean of Bristol in Bristol Cathedral on February 15.

Latest wills

Mrs Sarah Emma Clarke, of Four Oaks, West Midlands, left estate valued at £511,416 net. After per-sonal bequests she left the residue equally to the Royal London Society for the Blind and the Deaf and Durab. Other estates include (net. be-Crowther, Mr Gilbert Hume, of

Crowner, Mr Gibert Rude, of Cheddar, Somerset . 5237,792 Derisley, Mr Lloyd Reginald, of Byfleet, Surrey . . £495,207 Evans, Mr Donald Bryan, of Abbotskerswell, Devon . £133,897 Weston-super-Mare E356,203
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Glanville, Mr Francis Rainait, of
Croydon, Surrey E590,053
Romes, Mr Sidney Thomas, of
Rye, East Sussex, company
E244,144 Montgomery, Mr. John Francis, of Canterbury, Kent . £653,759
Pickford, Mr Fred, of Little
Easton, Essex . £352,544 Easton, Essex ... 352,544
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Sommer, Mr Gustav, of Takeley, Essex ... 1180,038
Spencer, Mr John, of Derby

Church news Canon P. W. Miller, Canon Residentiary of Derby Cathedral, to be a Chaplain to the Queen.

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By Pearce Wright Science Editor

An intensive study of the scientific, technical and political issues

raised by the proliferation of com-mercial chemical agents has been made by a team of European and

American specialists.

In a report entitled Public Policy for Chemicals they maintain that life would be impoverished

without the advantages that have come with products like pharma-ceuticals, foodstuffs, food addi-

tives, plastics and pesnicides.
Although those products have treated opportunities for good. the fact remains that tens of thousands of chemicals are

being made and marketed across thse world and only a small fraction are being tested for their

nong-term effects on the environ-ment and human health. Substances like chlorofluoro-

earbons, ashestos, benzene and the

PCBs (polychlorinated hiphenyls) were in use for a long time before they were recognized as potential

diocese of Manchester.
The Rev S L. Gant. Rector of St. Dolumbe. Crieff, Porthshire, 10 be Vicar of St. Paul, Watsell, diocese of Lichifold. The Rev A. R. George, public preacher in the parish of Oldland, de-rese of Brisiol, to be Team Vicar in the Oldland learn ministry, same flocese. The Von G. Gover-Jones, former Archdeacon of Lancasier, discess of Biackbarn, now retured, to be archdeacon emeritus.

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Norscott House, Cambridge, dioceso of Ely.

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Science report

Environment: Chemical proliferation

Irwin and Miss Cynthia White-head, expect the list of commer-cial chemicals having severe effects on health to grow much

They have examined the methods

of toxicological testing in the main producing countries for assessing the hazards of sub-

Since laboratory tests are not

closely similar to the circum-

stances under which hazards occur-they explain the limitations of the available procedures for introduc-ing a scheme of notification, test-

They leave no room for doubt that a fine balance exists between public controls and private initia-

tive in the development and com-mercial production of chemical

Even if laws in different coun-

hazards. The authors of the study published by the Conservation such as the directive on marketing foundation. Dr Sam Gusman, Dr new substances issued by the EEC Konrad von Moltke, Miss Frances

The Rev S. R. Parish, curate of Christ Church, Chadderion, Oldham, diocese of Manchesier, to be curate at it Michael and All Angels, Chell, in charge of the Church of the Saviour, afocase of Lichileid. Luke. Proston. diocese of Blackburn, to be Rector of St Clement, Openshaw, diocese of Manchester. clockie of Lichfield.

The Rev A. D. Parkes, area agent for Church's Ministry among the Jews, diocese of Durham, to be also pnest, ame diocese.

The Rev J. R. Peck, curate of St. Michalas, Dunston, diocese of Durham, to be Rector of America of Durham, to be Rector of America Duncastor, diocese of Sheffield.

The Roy S. Roberts Michael Constitution diocese. S. Robinson, Vitar of Overlon Ferry with West Butterwick, diocese of Lincoln, to be greed in charge and rector designate of the roposed benefice of Earl Soham with Crelingham and Ashiteld cum Thorpes of St. Edmundsbury and

such as the directive on marketing new substances issued by the EEC and the United States Toxic Sub-

stance Control Act, dissimilar national approaches towards test-

ing and notification, risk assessment and control, and treatment

of confidential business informa-

too may create barriers to trade.
Similarly, they argue, because
of international trade and the dispersion of chemicals in the en-

vironment, decisions by any nation on assessing and controlling risk

Thus it is pointless for different nations to take divergent paths towards control of toxic substances.

as they are, if a common pro-cedure will better improve public

health, environmental protection, and economic wellbeing.

Public Policy for Chemicals (The Conservation Foundation; available from Bowker International, Epping, Essex; 53.25).

may affect other countries.

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Retrements and resignations
The Rev S. E. Aliard Vicar of St
Fornabas. Homerton High Street,
dioces in London, to reitr. March 51.
The Rev H. Bacon, Vicar of St
Peler's. Accrination, dioces of Blockburn, to reitre July 5.
Canon R. P. Chaimers, priest in
tharme of Embina tipland and discession
communications officer, diocese of
Chimsford, to reitre. October 1.
The Rev G. M. Gardner, currie at
St Luke's, Bath, diocese of Bath and
Wils, to Strong.

25 years ago From The Times of Friday, Feb 17, 1956

Vote against hanging Westminster. Thursday.—In an atmosphere of intense excitement the Commons, on a free vote tonight, decided to press the Government for legislation abolishing the death penalty or suspending it for an experimental period. The House carried by 293 votes to 262 an amendment in these terms to the Government motion for to the Government motion for retaining the death penalty and amending the law on the crime of murder. This climax to a long-fought battle released a great demonstration of triumph from demonstration of triumph from the abolitionists when the figures of the first vote were announced. A division was challenged also on the amended motion and it was carried in that form by 292 votes to 246, a majority of 46. The chamber was crowded in every corner when the tellers returned with the figures. The buzz of thatter which filled the air mounted in volume as they stood by the table, and as soon as the Clerk handed the voling paper to Mr de Freitas, one of the tellers for the amendment, everybody knew how the decision had gone.

Norris, Ranower Memorial Hastings, Garden, Orden, Orden, Orden, Orchestration of the Europe Orchestration of the tellers for the amendment, everybody knew how the decision had gone.

Hastings, Sr Paul's, Corent Garden, noon.

Colour and plants in bloom at the RHS show nues, all with vellow eyes and miums and cordylines, the fascisome with picotee edging. A fine
example of Monstera deliciosa,
Tortuosa, and Skimmia Redtoo, will encourage gardeness to
ruth, with bright, red shiny. roo, will encourage gardeners to cherish this popular houseplant which always looks so decorative at any time of year.

For those interested in orchids,

Kathleen Riadle, Huddersfield, exhibited an exquisite display of water colours of small, medium and large sized border plants to win a gold medal. Each paining was not only completely botan-ically accurate but was executed in such a manner as to make each plant appear three-dimensional. A gold medal was also awarded

to Sir Peter Smithers. Victo Mor-cote, Switzerland, for his photo-eraphs of some of the tree preonies he grows in his garden, where the Swiss climate seems to suit them ideally. Although the perfection. There is a good range of colours from which to choose. This company well deserved its gold medal for such an immaculate display.

The third gold medal was awarded to Southdown Nurseries, Redruth. The company has taken considerable trouble-to stage its wide range of plants to best advantage, and an excellent example photographs were taken with an ordinary camera and film, they underwent a special laser light process in the United States of America to enlarge and colour correct them so that they illustrate as closely as possible the true beauty and detail of the blooms.

wide range of plams to best advantage, and an excellent example of Zantedeschia aethopics (arum Mly), with its creamy white-flowers against dark driftwood, with the cametlias, 'Cormish Snow', white, and 'St Eve', pink, behind, made a spectacular sight. Other plams of interest included variegated leaved phor-Plants which received awards of merit from the committees were: Pieris japonice 'Flamingo', red and cream, from J. Trehame & Sons, Wimborne; Schefflera nemusta "Star Shine", houseplant with ornamental compound leaves, from I. Rochford & Sons, Broxbourne; an unnamed Rhododen-

dron hybrid (R. laetum X R. macgregoriae), butter-yellow, from
Mr E. F. Allen. Copdock;
Combidium mirum. Velmirage,
shades of red and collow, from varcherot & Lecoufie, St Leger, France; Norcissus Bariley, vellow, from Mr W. Lemmers, Lisse, Holland; and Narcissus

Bravoure, white and yellow, and N. Dr James Parkinson, white and orange, both from Mr V. D. Wereld, Breezand, Holland. There were many excellent entries in the competitive classes for ornamental plants from the open. Two consistent prizewitners were the Crown Estate Commissioners, Windsor Great Park, and Mr. R. N. Stephenson Clarke, Haywards Heath. The former won first prize in class 1, for four trees

first prize in class 1, for four trees and/or shrubs shown for their flowers, fruits, foliage of "coloured" bark, with fine specimens of Acer pensylvanicum "Erythrocladium", Tsuga chinensis, Camellia X villiamsii 'St. Ece', and Nex X altaclarensis 'Lawsoniana', Mr. Stephenson, Clarke won class 2, for three ornamental plants of different genera, in bloom, with Corms mas, Rhododendron 'Cornsuch', and Mahonia Japonica, all vases excellently staged. excellently staged. . .

is open today from The show is o

A portrait of the eighteenth-century actor George Frederick Cooke Navy. from the W. Somerset Maugham collection of theatrical paintings being admired by Daniel Massey, the actor, who will today receive the sertle his command into a parcollection on behalf of the National Theatre.

Receptions

Lincoln's Inn

West Africa Committee The council of the West Africa Committee held a reception at the Army and Navy Club last night for ambassadors, high commissioners and heads of missions of countries in West Africa and members of HM Government.

Landon Enterprise Agency Mc S. J. Gallacher, chairman of the London Enterprise Agency, and Mr Keith Grant, director of the Design Council, were joint hosts at a reception at the Design Council vesterday to mark the opening of Small Firms—Big Ideas exhibition. Sir Terence Beckert, Director-General of the Confederarion of British Industry, was the

Luncheons

BM Government Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given in hodour of a visiting delegation from China-led by Hao Deqing, at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday.

HM Government
Mr Richard Luce, Parliamentary
Secretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs, was host
at a juncheon given in honour of
the Ugandan Minister of State for
Foreign Affairs, Dr Albert PichoOwiny, at Admiralty House yester-

Law Society

The Lord Mayor and Mr Sheriff David Inglefield were present at a luncheon given by Mr Jonathau Clarke. President of the Law Society, at 60 Carey Street yesterday, Others present were:

Sir Demond Heap. Sir Alan Parkn. Judge Juhn Taylor. Licuterant-Colonia, Judge Juhn Taylor. Licuterant-Colonia, Judge Juhn Taylor. A. Bobson, Mr Charlesworth, Mr D. 31 Robson, Mr Charlesworth, Mr D. 32 Robson, Mr D. A. Marshall, Mr G. R. Davies and Mr J. L. Bowron esecretary-secorals.

United Kingdom Provision Trade Federation Mr Jerry Wiggln, MP, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Unired Kingdom Provision Trade
Federation held at Grosvenor
House yesterday. Mr Michael J.
Ellers, chairman of the federation, presided. Among others
present were:

The Chairman of the Greater London Council was host at a connectl day luncheon held at County Hall, yesterday. The guests included:

Dinners

Indian TMCA Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of State. Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Engineering end the High Commissioner for India and Mrs Sevid Muhammad were the guests of honour at a dinner held by the YMCA Indian Student. Hostel at Mahatma Gandhi Rall, WI, yesterday.

Mr R. Maxwell-Hyslop, MP Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyston, Mr. entertained officers and guests of the Bridsh Vererinary Association at dinner at the House of Commous yesterday. Among those mons yesternay. Among Louse present were; ht Nichobs Edwards, MP, Mrs Sahr Oppenheim, MP, Mr T Daivel, MP, Mr J, Home Robertson, MR, Mr P, M, Mills, MP, Mr J, L. Crooks, Mr D, L.

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Fellowship of

The Duke of Edinburgh, senior fellow, was in the chair at the annual general meeting of The Fellowship of Engineering held at St James's Palace yesterday. Lord Higton of Bankside, OM, president, reported when the confidence of the control of the reported upon the activities of the fellowship during the past year. Other business conducted included the adoption of the accounts and the election of new fellows.

On the retirement of Lord Hinton, as president, after five years, Viscount Caldecote has been elected president of the fellowship, Professor Sir Hugh Ford as vice-president and Mr G. J. Mortlmer as honorary treasurer.

Today's engagements

The Queen visits Youngs brewery stables and shire horses to mark company's 150th anniversary, 3. The Duke of Edinburgh, honorary life member of Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, presents association's Prince Philip Award and certificates of merit, Buckingham Palace, 12: addresses Alf-Party Conservation Committee of both Houses of Parliament, S.

The Duke of Gloucester attends opening of Asante exhibition, Museum of Mankind, 6.05. The Duke of Kent presents fellowship awards. In manufacturing management for Engineering Industry Training Board, Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, 12.

Talks: Discovering Robert Graves, John Mole, The Poetry Centre, Earls Court Square, 7.30; William Hogarth's The Graham Children and other portraits, Simon Wilson, Tate Gallery, 1: Romanesque Chesman from the Isla of Lower Konneth White Isle of Lewis, Kenneth White-horn, 11.30; The horse in Greek art, Aune Pearson, 1.15; British, Huseum, Gainsbirough's por-traits, Dillian. Cordon, National Gallery, 1; The rise of the clear-Gallery, 1; The rise of the clearing banks in the community
today, S. T. Graham of Midland
Bank, Royal Society of Arts,
John Adam Street, 6; Literature and the question of
identity in the Caribbean,
Jacques Compton, Harlesden
Library, Crayen Park Road, 7;
Urban remaisspare the medity

Urban renaissance, the quality of the product. John Collins, Royal Institute of British Architects, Portland Place, 6.15. Exhibitions: Second Sight, No 3: Rubers and Gainshorough. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, 10 to 6; A new spirit in

painting, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, 10 to 6. Lunchtime music: David Owen Norris, plano, St George's, Hanover Square, 1.10. Memorial service: the Hon Mrs

Playing first string

The European Community Youth Orchestra will be dominated again this year by young British musicians. There are 45 British players out of a total of 137 who will perform across Europe dur-

Rare medal recalls royal friend By Geraldine Norman

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
The lovely Countess of Bedford,
istimate friend of James I's
queen, Anne of Denmark, and
spirited participator in the
masques and plays performed at
court was accorded the honour of
a memoriat in the form of a
silver medal. The medal was
worked by Nicholas Briot, the
French craftsman brought to
Britain by Charles I to redesign
the British coinage.
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the British coinage.

Hitherto wholly unrecorded, it was sold by Christie's yesterday for £4,000 (estimate £800 to £1,000). The very conservative extimate reflected Christie's disbelief at an unknown medal of the period coming in for sale out of the blue. At first they wondered if it was a fake; but their research indicated that it was genuine. No other example of the medal is recorded.

The countess wears a plume of heron feathers in her hair, as in the costume, designed for her by Inigo Jones for the part of Hymensel, Both the Fitzwilliam in Cambridge and the British Museum showed particular interest in the medal, according to Christie's, but it was purchased by Cyril Humphris, the Bood Street dealer.

The medal had been brought

The medal had been brought in to Christie's quite casually with an inquiry as to whether it

in to Christie's quite casually with an inquiry as to whether it had any value. Even more casual was the arrival of the other great rarity in the sale. A box of miscellaneous little jewels had come in to Christie's South Kensington rooms for sale; an unusual coin in the box led them to summon the expert from King Street to examine it.

It turned but to be an extremely rare shilling minted in Massachusetts in the 1650s, and was bought by Baldwin vesterday for E5,800 (estimate £1,000 to £8,000). Massachusetts was then under Eritish domining and three types of shilling struck there are recorded, the pine tree, oak tree and willow tree types. Of those the willow tree is the rarest; it bears the date 1652 but the die was apparently not changed and it continued to hear this date for several years. The varity of the coin can be assessed by the frequency with which it appears a auction, roughly once every two years.

The coin market apparently re-

The coin market apparently remains buoyant; small, easily transportable collectors, items tend to hold their prices when the international economy is in trouble. Christie's sale totalled £212,980 with only 2 per cent un-

Attacking play takes Nunn to chess victory

By Harry Golombek-Chess Correspondent
After a day's internal in the play-off match for the Grieveson Grant British Chess Championship. John Nunn. with the white pleces, attacked strongly in the fourth game at the RAC Club, Pall Mall, London, vesterday

game at the RAC Club, Pall Mall, London, yesterday. Harbton played a somewhat suspect variation of the Sicilian defence and Nunn established strong pressure on the central files. He prevented black from castling and then broke open the centre with a pawn sacrifice. Regaining his pawn, Nunn attacked the black king with all his pieces and Hartston resigned on the thirty-sevent move when faced with the alternative of being mated or of Jusing much material. It was an impressively played It was an impressively played game by Ninn, who leads by 23 to 11 point, and if Harston wishes to save the match he will have

to win the remaining two games since a drawn match would also

give the title to Nunn.

OBITUARY

cognition.

MR R. W. MOUNTAIN

I.G.W. writes:

Reg Mountain, who died recently, was an outstanding engineer in the field of electric power whose work in bringing electricity to remote and rural areas deserved. areas deserves wide public re-

Reginald William -Mountain, B.Sc., F.I.C.E., was born in London in 1899, and was educated at Northampton Engineer. ing Day College: During his engineering training with Brown-Boveri in Switzerland he wrote a paper on "Rotary Con-verters for Railway Use", for which he was swarded the Miller Prize, the James Forrest Medal and the James Prescott Joule Medal

He joined the firm of Kennedy & Donkin in 1925 and was taken into partnership in 1938. He returned in 1965. The first major scheme in

This experience was put to a solution of the second of the good use in Africa particularly in Uganda where he directed the firm's work on the Owen Fall hydro-electric scheme. This is the project which, in 1907, in Winston Churchill envisage could be built.

He served the engineering profession with distinction being chairman of the Association of Consulting Engineers (1950) presidem of the institution of Civil Engineers (1962), pre sident of the Internationa Federation of Consulting Eng gineers (FIDIC, 1963-65), aug president of the Smeatonial Society of Civil Engineeri (1972).

He is survived by his wife which he was involved was the He is survived by his wife Galloway hydro-electric scheme. Gladys, and his son Jonathan

Department of the Foreign

MR ERIC WHELPTON

Mr Bric Whelpton, the joined the Political Intelligence author, journalist and broadcaster, died on February 13. He was born on March 21, 1894, in France; and French was his first language. He was educated in Paris, at the Leys School, Cambridge, and at Herr-ford College, Oxford. He joined the Army at the outset of the First World War, but was later invalided out and taught for a time at the Ecole des Roches

In 1922 he founded and edited in Florence an English newshis hatred of fascism was too strong for him to remain in Italy, and he returned to England to take up a post as head of modern languages at King's College School, Wimble-

casting, devoting a good dear of his time to publishing travel books, in which field he became well-known to a wide audience.
He was decorated by the Italian, and Summer at San Martino, and by the Austrian Tourist Board for his journalistic work for Austria.

He wrote two biographies, The Making of a European (1974), and The Making of m Englishman (1977). He had only recently completed the first draft of the final volume, A

And the beginning of the Second World War he broadcast in French for the BBC his first marriage to Catherine Foreign Service, and then Gorell Barnes died in 1977.

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET LORD FRASER

The obituary notice of Lord Fraser paid little attention to the post-war career of Fraser, which was so important to the

Commander-in-Chief, tern which included conscripts in a peace time Navy, a new concept. Fraser made himself known to large numbers of officers and men, and exuded confidence in the future of the

As First Sea Lord, he had to continue the run down of the Navy until the Korean War, when many ships were re-commissioned: He dealy with the ing an American appoints impact of the war with skill, and made certain that those fighting President Truman to revers in the Far East did not think decision failed. History themselves "forgotten". He also shown Prasec to be right.

Vice-Admiral Sk Peter Gretton had to deal with the oil crisis in Iran. But the most important deve-

Iopment was the creation of Nato, which was in its formative years, and Fraser did much to give it a sensible maritime command structure. He supported the Attlee government when ithad to agree to the nomination of an American officer as Supreme Commander, Atlantic. for the balance of forces was: heavily in favour of the United States Navy.

Mr Churchill (as he was then) did not agree to an American -commander, and when he came back as Prime Minister in 1951 he treated Fraser disgracefully on this. But Fraser's successor, McGrigor, was firm in supporting an American appointment. Churchill's attempts to get President Truman to reverse the decision failed. History les

MADAME E. GUERY-BENDELMANS

Lieutenant-General Sir Ian skill; and in fact it often

Jacob writes:—
The death in Brussels on February 7 of Madame Guery, or in humour and point. We all Lauriane as she was known to all her friends, removes one who, ever since the Second World War, was a devoted ser-vant of the European Broadcasting Union.

When efforts began to resurrect the union which had been split by the war, conferences were held in Brussels, Stresa, and in Torquay, It was in 1950, at Torquay, that the European Broadcasting Union was finally created, and we had ready for us a superb inter-preter in the Belgian lady, Madame Bendelmans. This was before the days of simultaneous translation, and she did the whole job for us into French or

As president of the union She did her last job in 1978, from its start in Torquey for after which bad health and apportunities of observing her her professional career.

-MR M. SHIVNAN

Mr. Martin Shivnan, specialassistant to the Secretary of the World Bank, has died while on a bank mission in Wellington, New Zealand. He lived in Washington. He joined the bank in 1963 as an economic editor, became assistant to the secretary

assistant. He was born in Manchester in 1926. In 1942 he went to work for the South Lancashire News Agency, and after doing his national service as a coal miner under the Bevin Boy scheme he went to Manchester University where he took a BA in economics. Subsequently he worked for the Western Daily Press; Reuters and Financial Times. In all these posts he specialized in economics. He is survived by his widow and four daughters.

Major-General Alan Neilson Moon, CB, CBE, who died on February 2 at the age of 74, was Director, Army Dental Service, 1963-66.

University news

Glasgow

Lapcaster.

Hoporary Degrees will be confer-red on the following on June 17: LD: Sir John Cameron. Professor a C. Eringen. Professor F. A. McClintach. Professor S. F. C. Milson. Sir Tromas Noble. Air Cammodor: Release Renion. The Ross Lord Mackende Silvari. Sir Robert Wright. Professor 4. Ling 2nd Mr S. Brraner.

Professor Peter Young, professorial fellow in the centre for resource and Environmental Studies at the Australian National Univer sity; Canberra, has been appointed to a chair in environmental sciences.

Grants
Medical Research Council: E27 377 in
Professor G. f. Phicips and Dr I. A.
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Authority, Harwell: 225.000 to Professor M. J. French for a feasibility
assessment of an air bay wave energy dévice.

Science Research Council L. L. 6.612 to Dr. F. Foster for continuation of JADE experiments at PETRA (DESY: SAI, 030 to Dr. P. V. E. McClinneck for investigation in itse-investigation in itsetopically ours superfluid He-1 and in a extremely dilute He-3 He-4 solutions.

Social Science Research Chunch College to Professor Creek for Innovators services provided by voluntary organizations for relative of twentality iff and nanodicapped adults, 200,070 to Dr B. C. Towler for an investigation of religion and common relation in beets; 224,143 to 35 Stein for a Stilly of Young people leaving care Department of Education and Science; 224,123 to 35 Stein for as highly of Young people leaving care Department of Education and Science; 270,525 to Mr Guesson for an investigation of humb background artibutes and educational achievement Ministry of Defence 250,041 to Professor Crighton for an investigation of ministry of Defence 250,041 to Professor Crighton for an investigation of ministry of Defence 250,041 to Professor Research Council 250,750 for the nurchase of equipment. Science Research Council 250,750 for the nurchase of equipment. Science Research Council 250,750 for Professor Manwaring for an investigation on lumps breast an investigation of human breast anner. Edits Mean Foundation 250,000 to

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Office dealing mainly with Iraly, Sicily and North Africa.

He was released from his duties in 1945 because of ill health. In the post-war years he was busy writing and broad

trusted her implicitly shared her sorrow when her first husband died, and later when her second husband, --André Guéry, was killed in a

taxi crash. She travelled to all our meetings which took place throughout the European zone, and became a most valued friend and companion. She served on into the days of simultaneous translation, which became necessary with the technical improvements available, and the increase in official languages. I think of her most in the early --

when her lively presence raised

and hard-pressed for money, and :

LADY MORRIS Lady Morris, who died on

February 15, was the widow of concern Sir Edwin Morris, C. KCB, OBE, MC, whom she married as his second wife in 1953. He died in 1970. She wash post clair, and the daughter of Charles Oldfield Booth of Shooters Hill, Blackheath and n 1970, and later special

Halifax, Yorkshire.

She served in the YMCA in the First World War, and in the FANY and BBC in the Second World War. She was locharger also well known as an interior deligings decorator on both sides of the

Mr Johan Peter Engels, chair-man of Philips Electronic and Philips Electronic and Philips Electronic and Philips Associated Industries, 1964-73. died on February 15. Lady St Oswald, wife of Lord Tra

St Oswald. MC, died on February 14. She was Marie Wandai daughter of Sigismund Jaxa-Chamiec, of Warsaw, and she married Lord St Oswald as his second wife in 1955.

Grants Social Science Research Chuncil Cit.620 to Professor Greve for Innova

AREA investigation of human areas tancer. Eritish Heart Foundaling 250,000 to professor Linden for immediate the placements for obsolete equipment, and a terrher 250,000 for replacements for chastete equipment from April 1 for the years: £73,000 to Professor Lindent in support of its chair grant for five years. Yorkalifer Regional Health Authority 200,450 for Professor Richards for a study of Leeds twins register.

BUSINESS NEWS



■ Stock markets FT Ind 485.5 up 1.0

- **■** Sterling \$2.2640 up 70 points
- Index 101.2 down 1.0 DM 2.1985 down 487 pts
- Money
- 3 mth sterling 13 fe-13 fe 3 mth Euro \$ 181-174. 6 mth Euro \$ 181-171

- INBRIER

3150m loans igreed for **Chrysler** in Canada

The Canadian Government as agreed to guarantee \$150m. 66m in loans in 1983 and 384 for Chrysler Canada and ill lend \$50m more if signifi-tot projects are introduced by.

not projects are introduced by the company.

Mr Herb Gray, the industry inister, said that, in return, brysler would invest \$681m beveen now and 1985, including roduction of a "K" car to art in 1984.

ugar plant closures

National officers of " five nions are expected to meet Mr ohn Beckett, chief executive f the British Sugar Corporaon, on Friday in an attempt to ersuade the company to re-erse its plan to close four actories at the cost of 7.50 jobs. be unions will argue that the empany should invest in modernizing the factories in the ope of making the plants dividually profitable.

lold Fund launched

The Britannia group, through Jersey - based company ent Management, is launching Gold Fund which will offer rporate and individual vestors the opportunity to vest in bullion, gold futures d coins as well as gold and income as well as gold and ining finance shares. Mini-am investment is \$5,000 bout £2,200).

albot loan plea

Leaders of the Amalga-tted Union of Engineering orkers have urged the Govern-int to issue an ultimatum to ugeot-Citroën to honour its mmitments over the Talbot plant at Linwood, Renfrewire, or be made to repay an tstanding £28m state loan.

nall company finance Sir Terence Beckett, director neral of the Confederation of itish Industry, told business-en in London that measures ust be taken to help small mpanies to overcome equity

horn-EMI plant Thorn-EMI plans to build a w factory and administrative ock in Woolwich, south-east indon, at a cost of £2.3m. It expected to create 100 new

man ship orders Export: orders for Japan's iphuilding industry have sen to their highest level for

ree and a half years. At the id of Tast month, orders in md amounted to 376 ships talling 10:22 million tons

avings by post

Investors wanting to deposit oney in a National Savings investment account will able to do so by post from day by filling in a coupon blished in newspapers.

mail turbocharger

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries is developed a small turbo-larger which can be adapted r small cars and motorcycles.

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The Dow Jones industrial range closed 8.11 points up 939.68. The \$-5DR was 22214. The £ was 0.538744. jobbers and brokers, and it-believes Smith's decision could undermine that case.

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| ises | 3p to 47p | - ; ; ; | Harrison Cros | 25p to 812p |
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1,250 steelmen to lose jobs in retrenchment at Firth Brown

kingdom. Was stricting the worst recession in living memory, with companies hard hit by the strength of sterling high interest rates, high energy

prices and increased rate payments.

Although Firth Brown was more broadly based than the majority of the independent steelniskers, it had been faced with severe curtailment of orders which had led to extensive don't time working

profit of the mean of the group, gave warning in his preliminary statement on the financial results that the invaediate prospects were grim

inviediate prospects were grim and further reorganization and contraction was inevitable.

Against the background of the Firth Brown cutbacks, Ministers expect to receive some hastile questioning from Conservative backbenchers when the BSC's borrowing powers Eill is discussed in the Commons later today.

Commons later today.

Reflecting backbench concern, Mr Michael Grylis, chairman of the Conservative Industry Committee, said last night that he had tabled an amondment to the Fill

amendment to the Bill.

The amendment would require Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, to give a direction to the ESC that

money provided to the corpora-

tion should not be used to subsidize trading in fron and

steel, and other steel products to the detriment of the inde-

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pendent steel producers.

Industrial Editor Nearly one third of the work-force of 4,300 employed by Johnson and Firth Brown, the Sheffield-based steel and en-

Sheffield-based steel and enginearing group, are to lose their jobs. The company announced yesterday that 1,250 workers at its Firth Brown steel-making subsidiary are to be made redundant over the next few months, after the decision to close two works and reduce operations at others in the Sheffield area. The JPB announcement of the

arest victims of the manufaclatest victors of the manufac-turing industry recession and the steel industry crisis was made on the eve of today's second reading of the Govern-ment's new emergency Bill which will-lift the British Steel Corporation's borrowing powers to £5,000m.

The company's decision to carry through retrenchment of its steelmaking activities comes at a time of growing worry among the independent steel producers shout the Government's apparent willingness to provide further substantial assis-tance to the public sector.

Talks have opened with trade unions about the phasing the retrenchment programm the key feature of which its closure of the Atlas in mill, which produces stem billets and large diameter steel bars in direct competition with the British Steel Corporation. The company is to close another factory in Sheffield which produces light forgings and grinders, and this will mean reduced operations at two of the company's other sites in

Since last July, when the crisis in the steel industry deepened, the Firth Brown workforce has been operating on short time. Mr Arthur Hogg, managing director, told work-ers yesterday: "Unfortunately this situation can no longer be

Mr Hogg said that the United

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gold trading

Smith Brothers, the stock

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public quoration, is to recon-

sider taking its highly profit-

from the market's trading floor.

Since announcing the decision to move to nearby offices a month ago Smith has come

under increasing pressure to remain. Yesterday the Stock

Exchange Council meeting said that it would be wise if the jobber thought again about taking its entire gold share trading away from the market.

But the firm said: "We have taken he corporate decision at

this point. Our moving date is March 30, 1981."

Smith took the decision to

longer cope. Mr Anthony Lewis,

Smith's chairman, said that the

new dealing room was equipped with the latest communication

Smith's decision to move, which was influenced by the international factors of gold

share dealing has been made, possible by a change in the rules which allows jobbers to deal in international stocks as

But the council is bearing in

mind that within three years it

will have to put the case before a Restrictive Practices Court

for a dual capacity system of

jobbers on

By Philip Robinson : .

Inveresk losses clear way for bid

The £7.1m bid by Georgia-Pacific for Inveresk, the troubled British paper maker, looks likely to go ahead after. Inveresk announced losses of £6.54m after extraordinary items last year.

Georgia-Pacific, an American Georgia-Pactic, an American forest products group, made its bid of 35n a share, on the condition that losses for the year did not exceed 17m. Mr Tom Corrigan, Inverest's chairman and managing director, said last night that he now expected the hid to go shead.

orders which had led to extensive short time working.

The plant closures and reddeed operating levels—which will affect 900 jobs directly and will lead to the shedding of between 350 and 560 other jobs—were described as being viral to the long term future of the company.

Last year JPB's pretax profits were halved, reflecting the impact of the engineering and steel strikes, although the company's steel division did manage to record a trading profit of £8.1m. Inverest has passed its final dividend, which means that shareholders have received no payout for 1980. The company says that borrowings rose last year from £6.6m to £11.8m.

Jear from £5.6m to £11.8m.

Inveresk's sales rose alightly to £63m, but much higher costs; forced the company into a pretax. loss of £3.46m. Extraordinary items of £3.31m, mainly from plant closures during the year, added to the deficit. Losses per share were 16.8p. Pretax profits of £526,000 were earned in 1979.

Mr Corrigan said that the Carrongrove mill, a Scottish factory on which Inveresk spent. 15.5m, was still losing money, but that the losses were diminishing. The plant is running at about 60 per cent capacity.

He placed the main blame for the company's problems on high energy costs, inflation and the strong pound. The latter had encouraged imports of books, catalogues and cartons which had hit Inveresk's paper and board group particularly hard.

The patkaging group suffered similarly, but stationery sales grew. Mr. Corrigan does not expect that stationery will buck the trend again this year.

After lengthy discussions with its bankers, inveresk restructured its debt so that fem of loans will now be repayable in 1982-88, £4.2m, is unsecured overdraits, and £4m in revolving

Brussels, Feb 17 The EEC expressed serious concern here today about the rising tide of Japanese exports to the Community, and agreed for the first time to introduce statistical surveillance of imports of Japanese cars, colour television sets and tubes, and numerically-controlled machina

Ignan.

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Profit-taking halts dollar advance

By John Whitmore The dollar suffered substantial profit-taking yesterday after its., strong advance over the

market's leading mining jobber It fell almost 5 pfennigs against the Deutsche mark clos-ing at DM2.1985, but held up better against an imsettled able trade in gold shares away pound.

Many exchange foreign operators decided that it was wiser to realize at least part of their recent gains before President Reagan's economic statement to Congress today and he Federal Bank council meeting in West Germany tomorrow. Although the dollar railied briefly above DMZ23, it later fell back as dollar interest rates showed signs of easing More influential on market sentiment yesterday, however, was specu-lation that the Federal Bank council might opt to raise interest rates tomorrow.

The German currency also rallied strongly against sterling, which continued to be unsettled by the growing threat of labour troubles. The pound relin-quished almost 10 plennings of

move out to its City offices after a study of the way business was transacted in the London gold share market. The volume of trade carried out on the telephone had increased to a point where communications on the market floor could no its recent gains to close at DM4.974. Against the dollar, sterling nade only a limited recovery, in Europe.

picking up 70 points to \$2.2640. Its index against a basker of currencies slipped 1.0 to 102.5. Although the German authorities see no grounds for raising interest for domestic considerations, they could well be forced to do so on external grounds. At the moment interest rates and direct intervention in the foreign exchange markets look to be the chosen instruments took to be the chosen instruments for bolstering the Deutschemark until such time as dollar interest rates fall more steeply. Certainly, there seems little likelihood of any early realignment of currencies within the European Monetary System as a result of the mark's problems. A private meeting of lems. A private meeting of EEC finance ministers in Brus-

share a common interest in getting the Japanese to change their trading policies. sels on Monday saw limbs attraction in the idea of devaluing the German currency against other EMS currencies. This was taken as an allusion to frequently expressed Ameriby the ministers at the lack of can fears that restrictions on response from the Japanese Japanese exports to the EEC (whose trade surplus with the Japanese exports to the EEC could lead to a diversion of this In New York the dollar closed could lead to a diversion of this trade towards the United States market.

The purpose of the surveillance system is to provide the EEC with more accurate and up-to-date information on difficulties at a high political the degree of penetration by Japanese imports in key sectors. The monitoring is to be outly with the Japanese authorities. near its lows for the day against continental currencies in thin;

nervous trading
The decline stemmed from profit-taking ahead of Presideut Rengan's economic address. Rate movements were extremely volatile, and the dollar fell more than six pfennigs from its earlier high

Unwilling Dunlop shareholders frustrated trade inspectors

By Ronald Pullen
Department of Trade inspectors have been frustrated in their attempts to identify the owners of large blocks of Dunlop shares by the unwillingness of Far Eastern interests to help them fully with their inquiries

But the difficulty of pinpointing which shareholders have been "unwilling" under Section 174 of the Companies Act 1948 has deterred the inspectors from recommending that restrictions on dividend and voting rights should be placed on these sheres.

Much of the blame is laid on the secondary market system in

the secondary market system in Malaysia and Singapore for trading in shares like Dunlop which are not listed on local stock markets. The inspectors argue that this enables nominee companies to say "truthfully" that they cannot be certain who the beneficial owners are at

any particular time. But the report also cites several occasions where requests for information, both from individuals and local stockbrokers, went unanswered and where an application to the knals fampur stock exchange for assistance was turned down.
Within Dunlop, which estimates that between 28 and 30
per cent of its equity is
Malaysian convolled, there

seem some disappointment that the report was not more hard-United Kingdom company law.
United Kingdom company law.
Six: Campbell Fraser, the ultimate owners of the shares thairman, remarked that the report puts into perspective.
The report concentrates on the problems facing an indi-

From Michael Hornsby

Trade and foreign ministers of the Ten also agreed that rela-tions with Japan should be put

on the agenda of the next Western economic summit in

Ottawa in July, which will be attended by France, Britain, West Germany, Italy, the United States, Canada and

In a joint statement, the ministers said the question of trade with Japan has implica-tions for all major industrialized

trading countries", and "should be raised with them on every possible occasion", including the Ottawa meeting.

After the minister's meeting M Michel Cointat, the French

Minister for External Trade, said: "We have to make the Americans understand that we

assess penetration



Sir Campbell Fraser: puts the problems into perspective.

vidual company which seeks to discover the facts (of benefi-cial ownership of shares held in overseas nominee companies) under existing legislation.

Dunlop called on the Department of Trade for an investigation into the ownership of its shares last July after what it saw as coordinated and persistent buying of its shares early last year.

The group was concerned that many of these were being registered in nominee names, the biggest of which were Lorient, a Singapore-registered nomines company of Laurence, Prust the London stockbrokers Guimaco, a Guinnes

structed to report to member states as soon as the statistics

for the first three months of

the year are available, and regularly thereafter.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the British trade minister, said it

had been agreed that any mem-

ber state could add new items to the list of products subject

Among other Japanese imports "with the potential to cause trouble", Mr Parkinson said, were computer central processors, bonded fibra

automated lathes and machine

presses. The annual growth rate of these imports had averaged between 120 and 300 per cent during 1976-79.

During preparatory discussions for today's meeting some member states, such as France

and Italy, argued for physical controls on Japanese imports

but protectionist moves of this kind were firmly opposed by West Germany, Holland and

Mr Parkinson gave a warning

to the Japanese that they would be "very mistaken if they think this problem will go away". He boped they would "under-stand that it is in their interest

to open their markets to EEC

Disappointment was voiced

EEC reached \$12,000m last

to surveillance

Britain.

the degree of penetration by level, and it called on the Japanese imports in key sectors. The monitoring is to be done by the European Companies the opening of the mission, which has been in- Japanese marker.

defended statutemy detended by Laurence, Prust and the share dealings of the Goodyield group, a private Malaysian company controlled by Mr Ghafar Baba, a local politician which declared a 17.5 per cent stake in Dunlop last year.

The inspectors point to a number of discrepancies in the evidence from Goodyield and conclude that the "switching around" of share certificates has caused considerable difficulty.

They conclude that "member companies of the Goodyield group appear to treat their holding as a pool stock but the inspectors say that other identifiable large holdings could not be linked to Goodwield

They say apparent ability of Goodyield to acquire a large number of shares in short time might suggest that those shares were not held in unfriendly hands."

The report identifies links between other large buyers of Dunlop shares. As well as several other large buyers, the inspectors say that about 5 million of the 132 million shares in issue are held by 740 companies and individuals in South-East Asia, encouraged by rumours of a takeover of the Dunlop group which has Dunlop group which has Important estates interests in the Far East. -

The inspectors conclude that the source of further Goodyield purchases made recently still cannot be identified and a further report may be necessary depending on more information Financial Editor, page 19

EEC begins check on Measures to halt Japanese exports to US textiles urged

Leaders of Britain's textile industry, yesterday, called on the European Commission to take rapid measures to stem the flow of American products into the Community.

The industry is dissatisfied with the outcome of recent talks between European Commission officials and representmission officials and represent-atives of the new American Ad-ministration. They had hoped for a tough stance on the con-tinuing high level of American shipments of synthetic fibre and textiles.

A preliminary report was made to the EEC Council of Foreign Ministers yesterday. It is understood that, among other things, the United States officials agreed to pass on to the American textile industry the concern of the European representatives and gave assurances that the Administration was committed to a rapid decontrol of natural gas prices. President Reagan recently removed price

controls on oil after complaints of unfair underpricing. Mr Ian MacArthur, director of the British Textile Con-federation, said that while he welcomed the moves on gas prices, such action would re-quire legislation taking many months to implement. If all of these price controls could be swept away at a stroke, it is only one aspect of a total problem," he said.

The notion that it was adequate for the American industry to be informed of the Europeans' disquiet was useless." "We have been calling the industry's attention to the gravity of the problem for the last 18 months with no result at all," he said.

The United Kingdom industry would be pressing for the March meeting of the Council of Ministers to draw up a plan

Sharp fall in BL's American car sales From Frank Vogi United States Economics

Washington, Feb 17.—Sales of BL cars in the United States are falling sharply. The comare falling sharply. The com-pany's American operations are making modest losses, are being cut back and the parent com-pany may soon have to make some fundamental decisions about the future of its United States preparization

Latest figures show that total BL sales in the United States in 1980 were 32,179 units, compared to 42,508 units in 1979, and the company's United States record of 65,000 cars in 1977. Only Jaguar, Triumph, MG and Rover models are sold in America after a decision some years ago to soop marketsome years ago to stop market-ing Morris models.

The crisis in BL's operations centres on small sports cars.

Last year MG sales were down to 13,730 units, compared to 26,027 in 1979. The decision to end MG and Triumph Spirific, production, leaves the United. States organization with no low-priced sports cars. These models have traditionally been the mainstay of sales in the United States.

United States.

Triumph sales rose by 2,206to 14,939 units last year, but the
Triumph just has not obtained,
the strong market profile in
America that the MG traditionally enjoyed, Making marters worse, the strong pound
has now pushed Triumph sports
car prices into direct competicar prices into direct competi-tion with Mazda and Datsun and these Japanese models are widely seen in the United States as being better value for

money.

Rover sales, meanwhile, have got off to a disappointing start with sales of only 481 last year. BL does not appear to have made the commitment yet to advertise Rovers very heavily to secure greater market penetration. tration.

The new Mini-Metro, which would possibly have strong appeal is viewed by BL executives in the United States as being overpriced at the moment because of the high rate of

sterling.

"It looks as if we will have to rely heavily on the Jaguar here, more than ever", one BL official said. The problem was that "sales volume for Jaguars here has been restricted because of inadequate supply, not demand."

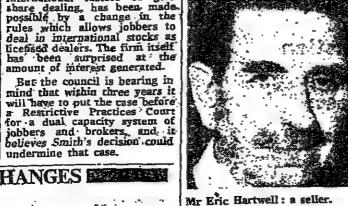
Jaguar sales last year fell to 1,029 units from 3,748 in 1979. The sales potential is said to be impossible to estimate reasonably because the United States operation has never been given enough Jaguars to test the market truly. The strong de-mand is seen as being justifica-

tion alone for the continuation of a BL operation in the United But officials admitted that unless cars were produced to fill the gap left by the demise of the MG and the Spitfire, then BL will simply have to become a still lower operation. Over the past 18 months the company's staff total has been cut by more than 100 from 520 and some offices have been

A spokesman for the company in America said: "We have to regroup. We have already beregroup. We have already become more efficient for a smaller volume and the idea that we get out of this marker altogether is nonsense." He added that it was likely that volume would be down again in 1981. Rough market: At RL's London

headquarters last night, a senior executive said. The American market has been incredibly tough since sterling began its sharp rise against the dollar (Clifford Webb writes). Cars that sold for \$6,000 (about £2,700) only three years ago are now having to be priced at \$10,000 samply because of sterling's strength.

Sidgwick & Jackson joins Trusthouse Forte



By Our Financial Staff
Sidgwick of Jackson, the
book publishers, whose chairman is Lord Longford and whose list of authors include Mr Edward Heath and Mr Richard Nixon, is to become part of Trusthouse Forte, the hotels and catering group. The sellers include Sir Charles Forte executive chairman and founder of THF, Mr. Eric Hartwell and Mr. L. A. Rosso, his close associates on the THF board, who between that the published by the property of the mount of the published by the control of the published by the published S & J. *A ** capital ... Sir Charles said yesterday
An agreed price of 75p a that his decision to sell also
share has been arrived at,
valuing the publishing business ment in S & J. Several offers

which lost nearly £108,000 last year after interest payments, but which is now said to be coming into profit—at £211,000. Sir Charles has been asso-

ciated first as an adviser and later as a big shareholder in S & J for nearly 30 years. Since THF is about to embark on a number of pubempark on a number or pun-lishing ventures associated with the tourist and catering busi-ness, it is now felt appropriate that the publisher should be sold to THF.

his controlling shareholding, and he was concerned that the company should remain as an independent publisher, albeit within the THF group.

Lord Longford will remain on the board, but is unlikely to convicte as chairman. Sir

continue as chairman. Charles is debating whether he will assume that position.

THF has been involved in publishing in the past, though without great success. Its yeatures in magazine publishing with Time & Tide and Investors Review were discontinued, while the idea of a new magazine, Panache, was shelved

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Workers vote to continue unofficial stoppage over dismissal

Japanese snagged in zip fastener dispute

country are getting a taste of the door by the company on the the labour relations problems apparently not unreasonable that our own motor industry grounds that he was smashing knows only too well. It is the

Runcorn, Cheshire.

With the Japanese about to members of the Transport and move into British car manu-facturing some of their yesterday voted to remain on industrial managers who are unofficial strike over the sackalready established in this togof one man who was shown to the door by the company on the up the furniture in the factory

The company claims that the man was not only caught in The fracas is not in the car the acr, having already industry but at the Japanese demolished two chairs and owned and managed YKK at being about to set about a fastener factory on the White- third, but that subsequently he house Industrial Estate at admitted taking out his grievances . (not yet disclosed) Some 260 workers there—all on the furnishings.

A company spokesman said:

Last Thursday there was a two-hour hearing conducted under our agreed disputes protedure at which union repre-sentatives were present. It was decided that the dismissal must stand. The rest of the labour force walked out ou unofficial strike and demanded his rein

statement."
This demand was reiterated at yesterday's wass meeting of the workers who voted to con-time the stoppage until the

However, he appealed against management agreed to reopen the case. They will be meeting again tomorrow.

acceptable misconduct again tomorrow.

The management spokesman

The management spokesman added: "They are asking for further negotiations on this case. We have said we are prepared to meet union representatives to talk about any-thing at all—but not until there is a return to work. As far as we are concerned no further talks are arranged."

So at the moment the situation is deadlocked or, to put it another way, the zip is stuck.

RW Shakespeare

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Italian trade deficit quadruples. to £7,615m

Italy's trade deficit nearly quadrupled from 4,725,000m lire (about £1,930m) in 1979 to 13,659,000m lire (£7,615m) last year, provisional figures show. Linports were up by 32.2 per cent to 85,389,000m lire, while exports rose by only 11.4 per cent to 66,730,000m lire. The tendency, however, is for the increase in imports to slacken and for exports to maintain their strength.

For the first time the balance of trade excluding oil was in deficit, at 1,120,000m lire. Two sectors however were in surplus; textiles and clothing, which had a surplus of 7.278,000m lire and machinery and mechanical goods which had a surplus of 6,722,000m

China talks

The Interdational Cil Trading Company and the Japanese Importers Conference for Chirese Petroleum are to send negotiators to Peking this week to discuss China's demand that its crude price be raised \$3.825 (£1.70) a barrel to \$37.80 buckduted to January 1.

New Montedison talks

Signor Franco Foschi, Italian labour minister, called a further round of talks with representatives of Montedison and FULC, the chemical workers' union, in a renewed effort to dissuade the company from declaring 6,281 workers redundant at plants throughout Italy.

Petrochemical complex Iran has asked the Mitsui industrial group to resume the construction of a \$3,600m (about £1,595m) petrochemical complex at Bandar Khomelni on the Gulf as soon as possible. Construction has been halted because of the Iran/Iraq war.

Swedish energy plan

The Swedish Government has proposed that state credit By Edward Townsend guarantees for energy develop-ment and state funds for energy research be increased to reduce all dependence to 40 per cent by 1890, from 70 per cent

Arms strike continued Workers at Fabrique Nationwhich supplies rifles and racchine gurs to Nato armies, have rejected a compromise to cod their week-old strike over job guarantees.

India protest

India is to protest to the World Bank over its withdrawal of a \$250m (£110m) loan for a fertilizer plant complex in Maharashtra, after India codured one of the consultants for the complex last year.

Steel damping inquiry

The Canadian anti-dumping tribunat is to tovestigate a charge that the dumping in Canada of Spanish and Belgian brass-coated carbon steel wire could be harming local pro-

Loan request

Leading Japanese banks are seeking bigger quotes for parricipation in international syn-dicated loans because of increasing repayment of old syndicated closus before matu-

Argentine reserves

The Argentine central bank is to raise the minimum cash reserve requirement for Argentine hanks to 12 per cent from 11 per cent, from March 1

Taiwan loan

Triwan Power Corporation is to raise \$100m (£44m) over 10 years at a point over London interbank offered rates for the first five years, rising to a per cent thereafter.

Thai gas plant

The Thai Government has approved a plan to build a natural gas processing plant and related gas distribution facilities worth about \$319m (£142m) in the northern province of

Rayongan Canada retail sales

Canadian seasonally adjusted retail sales rose 0.2 per cont. in December to \$7,440m (£3,296m); after a downward revised 3.12 per cent rise in November:

Mining stake

The Arab Mining Company (Armico) has taken a 40 per cent stake in two new mining companies that will develop silver, lead and zinc deposits in Morocco.

W:German oil imports

West Germany's oil imports in January fell to 7.16 million tonnes from 9.16 million a year ago, the Federal Office for Trade and Industry said.

Rupee revalued

The Indian rupes has been revalued again against sterling by 0.8 per cent to a new middle rate of 18.60 to sterling from

Britain's largest industrial company out to reduce £1,000m bill

ICI target of 5pc in energy saving

ICI, Britain's largest industrial com-pany, has given itself a target of 5 per cent for energy savings in 1981. Last year it spent £1,000m on energy. Officials are not yet able to estimate the likely energy bill for 1981, because

it depends on energy saved, plant usage and, perhaps most important of all, rising prices for oil gas, electricity and other raw materials like naphtha. The magnitude of the company's task

in ensuring it uses energy efficiently is illustrated by its Mond division, with plants in Cheshire, Laucashire, Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Cleveland. Mond is the largest of the ICI divisions, traditionally representing between 15 and 20 per cent of the company's interests in

assets, employees and sales, and employs It produces alkalis, chlorine and its derivatives, fluorine-based chemicals, and extraction of lime and other products for use in steelmaking, agriculture and

construction. Mond claims to use 1 per cent of all the electricity generated in the United Kingdom, and last year it spent £113m on energy. Because of increased consumer resistance during the recession, Mond has had to absorb much of these increased energy costs, reducing profits (not specified) by an estimated £15m.

By David Hewson United Kingdom exporters

are failing to take advantage of the fast-growing Mexican market, Lord Limerick, chair-man of the British Overseas Trade Board, said yesterday.

Addressing a conference on business and investment oppor-

tunities in Mexico, sponsored by *The Times* in association with Oyez, Lord Limerick said:

"Eritish companies should be working for more active involvement in Mexico's rapidly developing economy."

There was no doubt that the

world was playing for high stakes in Mexico, and the United Kingdom had to be more active in seeking a profit-

able share. Lord Limerick, who visited

Mexico twice last year, pointed out that with the backing of oil revenues which were the sixth largest in the world in

EEC grants

for projects

Grants totalling £80.9m from

the European Regional Devel-

opment Fund towards the cost of industrial and ancillary ser-

vice projects in the United King-dom were announced by the

The grants are the first of the

fund's 1981 allocations and bring to £647m the total contri-

buted to United Kingdom pro-

jects since the fund's inception

Almost £50m of the new allo-

cation covers industrial projects

in Scotland and Northern Ire-

land and the rest is for a total

of 225 service projects in United

The service grants are passed on in full to the local

and other public authorities concerned, while the industrial

grants represent a contribution of up to half the cost of assist-ance given to individual pro-

jects by the British Govern-

Five regions of England are

included in the latest grants list: the North, North-west, Yorkshire and Humberside,

East Midlands and South-west.

It includes the Heworth to South Shields section of the Type and Wear Metro, road

improvements in Merseyside, a

waste treatment plant for the

greater Hull area, improve-ments to a sewage treatment works at Corby and a new water treatment works in Corn-

Of the rotal of £31m contri-buted to English projects, almost £20m is for 86 develop-

ments in the North and North-

Since 1975, more than a quarter of fund assistance to the United Kingdom has gone to Scotland. English projects have accounted for more than

45 per cent of the total contri-butions.

Kingdom assisted areas.

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£80m aid

Exporters 'failing to

tap Mexico market'

proven revenues. Mexico was planning an 8 per cent annual

economic growth rate for the

rest of this century. The Mexican Government was seek-

ing to invest this wealth in the country's industrial base.

Britain supplies only 2.5 per cent of Mexican imports, its share totalling £188.1m in 1980 compared with £134.8m in 1979.

Mexica already had a strong

manufacturing base for a whole range of consumer products, and was now seeking to attract foreign investment in

industrial developments, Lord

on joint venture investment for local production, especially of

goods with export potential, rather than on direct import

Last year the United King-dom Department of Trade

But the emphasis was now

Limerick said.

By Patricia Tisdall

Management Correspondent

Consultations are taking place

between Department of Indus-try and Customs and Excise

officials to find a way through

value-added tax regulations which could add an extra £5m

a year to Post Office costs. The

problem seises because the postal section of the Post Office

is being separated from the tele-

communications division.

Mr Charles Morris, Labour

MP for Openshaw and a mem-

ber of the parliamentary com-mittee dealing with the British

Telecommunications Bill, was

took services for the Post

secretary of state for industry, recognized that there might be

give a lead to Britain if it

accepts a recommendation to open the German telecomuni-

The recommendations come

from the German monopolies commission in response to a

study by three university pro-

conducted the six-month study with Professor Karl Christian

von Weizsaker and Dr Gunter Knieps from the University of

By Bill Johnstone The German C

Mr Michael Marshall, under

Office.

e arrer the separation

Mr Donald Mackay, the division's finance director, explained that this year Mond expected to spend more than £160m for about the same amount of energy, He said that this would be "very difficult even to start to recover from customers ".

Mond reduced its energy bill last year by about £3m-still short of the 5 per cent target set by Sir Maurice Hodgson, chairman of ICI. Mr Mackay is encouraged by the performance which, he says, was highly creditable because it was achieved on smaller and therefore less efficient levels of output.

He told the division's newspaper Mond Mail, that despite general exhortation and practical support, tight operating stan-dards on plants could not be achieved by decisions taken at board level. "They can only come from hundreds of people on plants throughout the division understanding their processes better and trying to improve performance." The Mond workforce is aware of the

need to cut costs and improve productivity. Last year the division announced 1,000 redundancies, which are being achieved through natural wastage and other voluntary means.

Mr Mackay believes that employees are more aware of the need to conserve energy. He quotes the example of boiler-men at the Cheshire works voluntarily

dom Department of Trade sector and identification of signed a memorandum of opportunities for cooperation.

Post Office could face

concerned that a new burden facilities such as the procure-would be imposed on capital ment and storage of goods' expenditure after the separation which the telecommunications

when British Telecom under- business carries out for the

Some transitional problems with VAT and said that officials were seeking a way to resolve them.

The Post Office said that services used by the public such as telex and Interpost would not be affected.

Germany may allow foreign

German Cabinet may British report on value-added

communications challenge

cations equipment supply mar-ket to foreign competition, while sor Michael Beesley of the

Professor Jurgen Muller, of heavily protected at present.
L'Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, The German study looked as

not allowing its own post office London Business School.
(Bundespost) to compete.

£5m bill for VAT

Lord Limerick British com-

panies should be more active.

industrial cooperation with the Mexican Ministry of National Resources and Industrial Development.

Principal forms of coopera-tion listed included joint investment in the industrial

internal transactions between

British Telecom and the Post

Office because the two are

classified as one business. How-

ever, unlike the telephone ser-

vice, post is exempt from VAT

and is therefore unable to offset

under existing regulations, the postal service could be techni-

cally liable for an additional 25m a year in VAT payments

on transactions between the

Lizbility for the VAT pay-

ments could arise on shared

postal service; on data process-

transport workshops some of which are owned by the tele-

communications division but

used by the postal service.

The Post Office said that ser-

The study coincides with a

services being looked at by the

Department of Industry. The

The authors of the German

study strongly recommended that the telecommunications market should be opened up to competition. The market is

The German study looked at

the network and terminal supply areas of the telecom-munications market and recom-

mended a more liberal approach

businesses after they were

Mr Marshall confirmed that

any VAT which it pays.

them to increase the efficiency of the boilers. Mond spends about £60m simply raising steam.

"In these circumstances we have to be more efficient than our competitors in Continental western Europe because they have the advantage of paying much lower prices for energy, particularly electricity, than we pay in Britain," he said.

Along with other intensive energy users, not only in the chemicals industry, ICI wants the Government to end this cost disadvantage. It has suggested one way in which this might be done: by abolishing or reducing the present £8 a tonne dury on heavy fuel oil.

So far the Department of Energydespite some pressure from elsewhere in Whitehall-has budged little on energy pricing, which it insists must be realistic and economic, reflecting the long-term, marginal cost of production.

Although the debate goes on-not least

through the Task Force set up through the National Economic Development Office—chemical companies can expect little immediate relief.

Like ICI—which does, at least, benefit from a highly odraningeous long-term gas supply contract with British Gas-they must continue to seek savings in energy.

John Huxley

Lucas and BP in joint solar project

to the sun-starved British be-cause it relies on the light from the sun instead of heat is to be developed and marketed by a joint venture involving British Petroleum and Lucas Industries. Small silicon discs the size of beer mat and each capable of generating one watt of elec-tricity from sunlight will be developed by the consortium. Ordinary solar panels absorb heat directly from the sun whereas silicone discs use light. But they also work in sunnier climes. Lucas has already won a contract with the technology worth £1.2m to supply a sun-powered telephone network to

A solar system more useful

The new company called Lucas BP Solar Systems will be based at Haddenham, Buckinghamshire and will be con-centrating on what is termed the photovoltaic effect of silicon. The light from the rays of the sun is converted into electricity to be used for power. BP is no stranger to solar energy development, having studied and marketed domestic solar panels in Spain and

BP's market in Greece has been expanding rapidly and is now worth 53m a year. Lucas Energy Systems, a Lucas subsidiary, has been studying solar power for many years. The Joint company will be investing heavily in research and BP already has solar rigs for experimentation at its laboratories in Sunbury, Mid-dlesex, Athens, and Lavare in Northern France.

Greece.

.The market in solar energy is expected to be worth several million pounds in the next decade. One of the first big projects

tain's first grid-linked solar generating station.

This will be built at the Central Electricity Generating Board's Marchwood site

for the new company is the design and construction of Bri-

Bill Johnstone

Nuclear reactor choice vant to current reactor choice. performance of the Sir, Air D. J. Miller's response (February 10) to Lord Bowden's operating AGRs is presented (February 10) to Lord Bowden's criticisms of current reactor choice tends to deceive by its omissions. He leaves unanswered the point that the South of Scotland Electricity Board has at least 35 per cent more capacity than it actually below. This shows each reactor's annual position in the league table of all the commercial nuclear reactors operating in

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alternatively, the figures show that in 1976 wages amounted to 28.9 per cent of turnover and in 1980 to 27.4

per cent of turnover which

again shows an improvement.
I am afraid that Mr Arnold

must look elsewhere for the

loss in profits. As about 70 per

cent of the costs are not dis-

closed there is plenty of scope,

but in this case it is clear that

the loss is not due to the

Adjusting the figures to standard pounds to inflation will make no difference to the con-

clusions as "turnover" and "wages" will be subject to the

Figures behind a loss

force of 2,941 with a wage bill rapacity of the trade unions.

productivity.

same factor.

Yours faithfully,

R. E. FREEMAN

20 St Hilda's Road,

Sir, Mr J. E. O. Arnold (Feb-

ruary 10) cites the case of an

engineering company which made a profit of £2.94m in 1976

and a loss of £0.4m in 1980 and

blames the "blind ignorance and greed of trade union leaders" for this result.

Unfortunately for his case

the figures he produces do not

In 1976 a turcover of £54m

was produced by a work force of 4,254 with a wage bill; of £15.6m. In 1980 a turnover of

£74m was produced by a work

A few minutes with slide-rule.

or calculator shows that turn-

over per man was £12,600 in 1976 and £25,200 per man in 1980. In other words, a 100 per

cent increase in productivity.

Wages per man rose from 13,650 to £6,550 p.a.—an

increase of 89 per cent. There

was therefore a net gain to the company. If an increase in 89.

From Mr S. D. Thomas

support his assertions.

of £20.2m.

Thus the best position achieved has been 88th out of 161 by Hinkley B1 in 1979.

Although Runterston B reneeds and yet it is still enter-ing into a new commitment without thoroughly reviewing actor 2 was commissioned dur-ing 1977, it suffered an ingress and options. I would like to of sea water during that year, from which repairs were not give a more balanced view of the situation. completed until March, 1980, and thus it has not yet com-pleted a full calendar year of 1. He emphasizes that the advanced gas cooled reactor (AGR) will be based on the Hinkley B and Hunterston B designs but does not say that operation. It is probably fair to suggest from these figures that performance is improving albeit very slowly and from the design changes have been such that the orders were only

the non-communist world and is

based on industry information.

placed in December, 1980, whereas Mr Benn's authoriza a very low level. However, to predict that their performance will equal that of tion was given in January, 1978. the Hunterston A units seems and subsequently confirmed by Mr Howell in December, 1979. hopelessly over-optimistic, especially since even after up to five years operation the AGRs only operate at a maximum of 550 MW instead of their design rating of 660 MW, a major loss of potential outover-optimistic, 2. He is correct in pointing out the good performance of the very first small Magnox reac-(such as Hunterston A), but since no one is seriously suggesting building further Magnox reactors, and since the design differences are so great S. D. THOMAS Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex, between them and a current AGR (far greater than the dif-

ferences between the three AGR designs) this is scarcely rele- Brighton **ANNUAL LEAGUE POSITION** No. of reactors Hinkley B2 Hunt'n B1 Hinkley B1

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Keeping abreast of airline rates

From Mr H. L. Morgan

Sir, I sympathize with Mr Ivor Hall (February 13) who was asked to pay a surcharge on transferring from British Airways to Qantas. The fact is that there are now hardless. Sir. I sympathize with Mr Ivor Hall (February 13) who was asked to pay a surcharge on transferring from British Airanomalies between the stand of Cathay Pacific who have ards of first-class accommodation (and the charges) of reclining sleeperettes in the various airlines. A higher fare upstairs in the property of the charges of the control of the property of the prop is asked for a reclining seat they exist if one tries to make with more leg space. BA re- a booking. Even the best travel main, so far, on the lower first-class fare level on certain routes where their aircraft are still in the process of con-version to reclining seats and they cannot guarantee what the customer will get. Mr Hall was

agents can hardly keep abreast of the situation. H. L. MORGAN The Steamship Mutual

Underwriting Association, 201/211 Bishopsgate,

Linwood plant closure per cent seems a bit steep, it could be explained partly by over-time working for increased

From Mr James Dallas Sir. It is reported in today's edition of The Times (February 12) that Sir Keith Joseph, faced with the prospect of a further 4,500 jobless from the closure of Talbot UK's Linwood plant, offered to provide up to £40m of state aid to the alling company for the production of a new model

Surely the Government has discharged its duty to the motor industry through its recent support of BL and can legif. mately turn its attentions else-

Clearly, one of the principal objects behind the offer was the preservation of existing jobs and the possible creation of additional ones. Could not this aim be as readily met by the encouragement of new and burgeoning industries which with the size of the sums avail: able, would I'm sure provide as many, if not more, jobs for those in a similarly unfortunate position to those at Linwood This latter course has the addit tional appeal, clearly lacking from Sir Keith's proposition, of providing some small hope of a lasting financial return on his investment.

investment.

But perhaps I have misjudged
Sir Keith and the situation.
Perhaps he really did believe that the interests of the unemployed in Scotland and financial interests of Britain as a whole would have been best served by the launching of a new Talbot model on an already saturated car market and that in time we should have seen the new "Talbot Joseph" as the answer to an Iron Maiden's IAMES DALLAS,

6 Bucharest Road, London, SW18. February 12.

Judging the man by his address

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From Mr D. W. Holman Sir, The prospectus for British Aerospace (February 9) shows the address of all the directors as the address of the companitself. Now they may, indeed all live together "over the shop but this seems unlikely.
Should not every prospecting give the real addresses of the

directors so that the reader car.
form his own views on seeing
whether they live in Shilling
ford or Penistone, in Bagsho or Great Missenden, in God stone or Sinderby, in Hale e Doddington, in St Just or Ok Sodbury? D. W. HOLMAN.

4 Hereford Road, Harrogate, North Yorks HG1 2NP. February 9.

Insurance pay From Mr David Baxter

Sir, Staff salary claims in the insurance industry which you report (February 10) as being of the order of 11 to 14 per cent far above the Government guide lines) suggest to me that if the companies concerned arewell off; they could well consider making on ex gratia grant to all their policy holders in receipt of annuities which are paid out of depreciated currency. W. DAVID BAXTER

Cresseys, 20 Park Road, Вескепнат February 11.

Year to 31st October 1980

| | 1980 £m | 1979 £m | % Increase |
|--|------------|------------|---------------|
| Trading Receipts | .772.4 | 721.0 | 7 |
| Trading Profit | 82.0 | 81.6 | |
| Profit before Taxation | 66.0 | 68.2 | (3) |
| Profit after Tax and minority interest | 47.7 | 40.3 | 18 |
| Earnings per share | 23.3p | 20.0p | 16.5 |
| Dividend per share | 9p | 8p | 12.5 |

A difficult and challenging year but one of considerable achievement Profit after tax increased by 18%.

Dividend increased by 12.5%. Earnings per share increased by 16.5%.

Dividend cover

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bedrooms, new units, capital improvements and other additions to fixed assets. The strength of the balance sheet, the

£95 million invested in additional

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Agreement on Lloyd's Bill By Richard Allen the views expressed by some Mr. Peter Green, chairman of MPs.". By Richard Allen

Lloyd's claimed yesterday that agreement was very near in opposition to the Bill, Mr discussions with MPs over controversial aspects of the draft bill designed to improve the insurance market's self-regulation. regulation.

As a result he hoped that the Bill would receive its second reading, even though the relevant detailed drafting of proposed changes remained to be completed. Mr Green, who left London

yesterday for a three-week tour of the United States, added that Lloyd's would shortly have talks with members of the House of Lords "who may have mons by sor reservations broadly similar to ing details.

Assuming a smooth passage, the Bill could then be passed to its committe stage for detailed examination and for consideration of a petition against the Bill.

Although Lloyd's has refused to make changes to funda-mental aspects of the Bill, it is apparently hopeful that it can win over its critics in the Commons by some changes in draft-

Sir Graham Page, Conservative MP for Crosby, Merseyside, who is promoting the Bill, is believed to have put proposals along these lines to urging them to seek their MPs several MPs and Lloyd's is support at a Parliamentary debate expected next month. be reached. Opposition to a number of

parts of the Bill had been mounting inside and outside Lloyd's. Among main points at issue is one particular clause which would give the Society of Lloyd's a blanket indemnity against legal action. There have also been com-

plaints that external names would not be sufficiently represented on a new ruling Council envisaged by the Bill.

Fewer visitors coming into Britain

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

dropped by 6 per cent in November compared with the

according to the Department of Trade. The 1980 11-month total of foreign visitors at 11.76 million was 0.6 per cent lower than

the previous year while out-

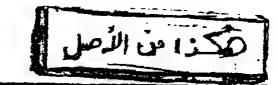
But the surplus on the travel ommercial Editor account is still £177m in Overseas visitors into Britain Britain's favour, although it ropped by 6 per cent in was £589m in the previous

November compared with the November compared with the Same period last year, while Even in November there was a surplus on the account as overseas visitors in Britain spent f200m compared with the transfer of the Department. United Kingdom visitors spending abroad of £165m,
The feature of the foreign visitor traffic in November was that the declines were not

showed a 13 per cent rise. In previous months, declines in North American traffic had been offset by increases from other areas, including Western Europe.

Cheap transatlantic air fares on routes between London and the United States main centres have undoubtedly affected the flow from north America, although some visitors may well have been using the United

I going visits rose 13 per cent. from North America, whose Kingdom as a gateway.



BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Another wild goose chase

e mail after Dunlop's mystery shareholis has now gone cold. After six months' restigation Department of Trade inspecs trying to track down the beneficial ners of the shares have been defeated by rall of silence in the Far East.

all of silence in the Far East.

And while they seem to have amassed any of circumstantial evidence that some the Far Eastern holders have been acting either as a "pool", certainly in the case Mr Ghafar Baba's Goodyield group peris even before they disclosed their 5 per it stake, the sheer impossibility of pinning which shareholders have been structive in laying bare their souls have seented the inspectors from making an wented the inspectors from making an ler under Section 174 of the 1948 Comsies. Act placing restrictions on blocks

fuch of the blame for this state of affairs faid at the door of the system of secony market trading in the Far East which mits nominee companies to say with hand hearts that they do not know who the eficial owners are. The inspectors are ptical about any procedure whereby istered owners of shares would be iged to disclose on whose instructions

shares were first bought. t is of course possible that the DoT has ed down some of their inspectors' recomadations and there was some suspicion terday that the Department may have d its powers to delete "minor passages" t were critical of stockbroker Laurence st's role in operating the most important

he nominee companies.
Ince again, however, the Dunlop report hlights the no-man's land that exists ween statutory and self-regulation in the which the recent Companies Bill so pably ignored by failing to tighten up legislation over concert parties.
unlop has gone as far as it can under

tion 27 of the 1967 Companies. Act to-over who the beneficial shareholders are the ball is now back in the City's court, source must be put on the legislators to re this unsatisfactory state of affairs.

Vot everything has been plain sailing for emerging London Gold Futures Market, the official decision to denominate the tract in sterling does not seem designed alm the waters.

xpressions of concern by commodity ters deserve to be taken seriously, ecially when the new market is a crucial t of London's bid to put itself indisput, back at the centre of the world

modities stage.
he working party essentially argues that I markets denominated in local currency erally do better than dollar contracts. re is also a fear that the London con-t would be too similar to New York's tex contract if dollars were used. It ns that the committee originally inten-a dollar contract, but subsequently iged its mind.

ne does not have to accept the cynical ment that the London Gold Marketestablished bullion market—was afraid ompetition with its own dollar business therefore steered the committee into ing to notice that its use of dollars does. seem to have impaired business. Indeed, bullion market switched from sterling ollars many years ago.

oreover, gold is popularly priced in ars around the world-not just by interonal traders—and a crucial justification the new market is its position between zones. If some professional dealers are iled, private speculators important to I Futures may be forgiven if they stay

and Metropolitan

dications

m Liggett

nd Metropolitan now has to produce a nerly indication of the trading trend to ply with the rules attached to its listing the Paris Bourse, while in America it to publish quarterly figures for Liggett, major acquisition of last year, to meet obligations under SEC rules to Liggett antire holders. enture holders.

he outcome is both misleading-and ouraging. Liggett's first quarter to ember 1980 shows earnings from conember 1980 shows earnings from con-ing operations at \$26.6m, against only m in the comparable period of 1979, 1979 bore exceptional reorganization

s, while the latest figure is boosted by interest credit arising from the sale of Austin Nichols business in May last year

evertheless, Liggett is clearly proving be an exceptionally good buy for Grand Met even though the exceptional earnings increase "should not be expected to continue" while the rump of the business, excluding Liggett, has managed a 124 per cent sales gain in the first quarter to £686m.

That suggests, given the limited oppor-tunity for price increases these days, that Grand Met is still gaining volume in some areas, such as brewing, at the expense of its compeniors' market shares.

Trusthouse Forte, meanwhile, after a tough though creditable year in 1979/80 when it managed only a slight shortfall on the previous year's record return, expects another difficult period, though the balance sheet, as the accounts out yesterday demon-

strate, remains strong.

THF, too, has high hopes in the United States, though its strategy of gradual expansion there as opposed to Grand Met's dramatic leap, looks less impressive at this stage with United States sales now running at \$175m annually, against net sales in the quarter just reported by Liggett of \$292m.

Fresh

The way the property sector has outper-formed the rest of the market, not just in the past year but for the best part of the last four years, has led some analysts to the view that this relative strength cannot be sustained indefinitely especially now when

property yields are so low and the recession has slowed down rental growth.

What has given fresh life to property shares this year has been the hopes of a cut in interest rates, and given the widespread expectation that a fall in MLR cannot be postponed much longer the sector seems to be in for a good run in front of the budget. In reality, however, except for the highly geared groups like Town and City the link between share values and interest rates is only psychological.

Overall the property sector is nowhere near so highly geared as to be a prime beneficiary from falling interest rates, particularly when a number of property groups led by Land Securities have been busy repairing their equity bases over the last year through rights issues and much of their borrowing is at fixed rather than floating

In front of the Budget, another factor that has started to affect sentiment is the possibility of some change in capital gains tax. Any easing on this front could encourage institutions to bid for property companies since the present punitive disincentive to incorporating properties in their portfolios, where on some estimates the realized capital gains could cut 30 per cent from the gross value, would recede. The Prudential's sale of part of its MEPC holding illustrated that it was shifting its preference from com-

panies to direct property investment.

While there may be some short-term mileage in the property sector from the Budget, the fundamentals are not quite so encouraging. True, some of the leading estate agents have started the year with bullish remarks about rents across the whole market, and especially industrial rents, the outlook is clouded by

A £6.54m loss by Inveresk is within the limit for the British papermaker set by Georgia-Pacific, the bidder. Since £3.31m of the loss was extraordinary items, mainly closure costs, the underlying trading position is not so bad. But the question now is what Georgia-Pacific will find—assuming its bid goes through.

Circumstances have conspired against Inveresk. Strong sterling; high inflation; costly energy and cut-throat foreign competition are not problems of the company's

Conditions show little sign of improving yet they are compounded by the fact that several of Inveresk's mills are too small, and that the company has been forced in recent years to shift from simple papermaking to conversion to cartons, packaging and so on Carrongrove's losses are falling; but there is a long way to go before it makes a respectable return.

The loan restructuring and the debt and dividend provisions—presumably different if Georgia-Pacific takes over—should help, and the company is evidently squeezing costs and capital expenditure hard.

Nevertheless, Georgia-Pacific could well find that further measures are necessary, mill closures or disposals, for example, before this major part of the British paper industry is back on its feet. With no hope of dividends or significant profit improvement, the offer of 35p a share looks reasonable.

When the fishermen stayed home

The fishing vessel Ocean Herald should have been out working the North Sea grounds this week along with other boats from Pittenweem in Fife. Instead she lies tied up in harbour, rising and falling redundantly on the tides sweeping the Forth estuary.

Ocean Herald would have not

the Forth estuary.

Ocean Herald would have put to sea at midnight on Sunday but for a telephone call from fishermen in the North-east of Scotland who felt outraged at the lack of progress towards solving the crisis caused by a flood of cheap imported fish, much of it, they claimed, caught illegally and dumped on the British market.

Skinner John Market

Skipper John McBain had already felt the effects of the slump in the market. Ocean Revald returned to Pittenweem in the early hours of February 6 with a catch that should have at least covered the cost of running the boat and paying

"I could not believe the prices that were being offered. They were ridiculous", he said. They were ridiculous, he said. Twenty seven boxes of small baddock failed to make the f9:60 minimum and were condemned for pet food. He received £4 a box European Economic Community compensation for them. The main catch of prime fish made £580. "We ended up after five days, hard work worse off than when we set out. In fact the week has cost us £420°, Mr McBain reflects.

Ocean Herald is a typical East Coast boat, 60 feet long-with a thirsty, 300 horsepower engine. During an average week's work it will burn 850 gallous of fuel without benefit of the sort of subsidy which most continental boars receive. Much of the equipment the fishermen use is oil-related so that the cost of fishing has gone up well ahead of inflation.

Mr McBain's boat works by towing 450 feet of tackle most of it made from artificial fibre; on top of that is the fuel bill and the cost of hydraulic oil for the machinery. If the trawl snags on the seabed and is lost that means £1,100 is swept away. The vessel is equipped with sophisticated electronic gear to track down the shoals



Mr John McBain with the Ocean Herald (left) at Pittenweem yesterday.

The fishermen of the Fifeshire coast were about to set sail at the weekend when strike organizers in the North-east of Scotland, where ports are being blockaded to protest at cheap fish imports, called for their support. Ronald Faux visited a small Fife harbour and found a strange blend of anger and

Sea. She has two echo-sounders, radar, three radios, an autopilot and sonar. Some skippers rent their electronic equipment but Mr McBain has decided it is best to buy and pay a main-tenance contract. Replacing his equipment would now cost £23,000.

Ocean Herald is five years with sophisticated electronic Liverpool but she was fitted-out gear to track down the shoals at the neighbouring fishing and operates the often severe weather conditions of the North £178,000, an average price for a

boat of her size, and is owned by Mr McBain and his father, who is now retired. The vessel proudly carries the arms of the clan McBain on her bow.

Mr McBain is aged 33, a big, gently-spoken man who is insistently optimistic about the long-term future of the industry in spite of the present gloom. He says wryly: "I cannot imagine that Mrs Thatcher will allow We work hard and if we do not work hard we do not get paid. That is surely true Tory philosopby.

Last year Ocean Herald caught £118,000 of fish sod was runner-up in the port competi-tion for the highest earnings, Accountancy on a fishing vessel follows an involved, traditional pattern. Earnings must be et least £1,000 a week if the men an industry to go to the wall on board are to earn anything, that is exactly what she Expenses are deducted from believes an industry should be. gross earnings for fuel, stores,

landing dues, commission for the fish salesmen, box charges, national insurance, maintenance

of the electronic equipment and a pension scheme.

The remainder is divided into 12 shares; six for the crew and six for the boat which pays for gear, insurance (£5,600 a year for the Ocean Herald), repairs and for the boat itself. The vessel was bought with a 30 per cent grant from the Whitelish Authority, a 25 per cent grant from the EEC, a loan from the WFA repayable over five years and the rest from the McBains themselves, partly raised by the sale of their previous boat.

"We have had some expensive extras because the hydraulic system powering the winches. of the electronic equipment and

lic system powering the winches, proved faulty and the firm that, made it went bankrupt, but that apart we have been a very fortunate boat, "Mr McBain says." Rarely has Ocean Herald renursed from a week at sea, and made a net loss

and made a net loss. "Another reason I am optimistic is because new legista-tion is now going through the EEC to police the industry on shore and cut down the amount of fish floating about the European market. This will help keep the price at a level that makes it worthwhile going to

Mr McBain and his colleagues have been supporting,
the angry men of the Northeast. They feel they have tomaintain a united front. But
there is an apparent reluctance about their action. Their
own recent experience tells
them that the North-east fleets
have a strong case but they
seem more willing than the
men at Aberdeen and Peterhead to accept the government's
good faith.
One of them explains why: One of them explains why:
"There are signs the Govern-

ment is prepared to be tough even unilateral about exclusive zones or restricting our prounds to boats under 80 feet. I think their assurances should be accepted. The total allowable catch is going up, there is more haddock about this year and we have got rid of 150 Russian boats and 50 Poles from the North Sea The Poles from the North Sea. The Danes have been restricted and action against the big French boats now seems likely. Treatly feel there could be a future if the price we get for our fish is right."

Peter Hill

Steel industry: can Sir Keith find his way through the maze?

comfortable for Department of . Industry ministers.

What the Bill, introduced last week by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Industry Minister, seeks to do is to raise the borrowing ceiling of the British Steel Corporation from the present \$5,500m to \$6,000m. Once enacted the ceiling can be increased still further by an ardea leid he Sie Keith Leeph order laid by Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Industry, to 17,000m.

Doling out sums of this mag-nimate is dreadfully embarras-

sing for a government com-mitted to rolling back the fron-tiers of state aid and state in-

The Bill was introduced last week as an emergency measure, because the effectively bank-rupt BSC is pressing close to the existing limit and needs additional cash to pay its bills between now and the end of

Hence Mr Tebbit's earnest plea to the House last week; "In view of the urgency of the corporation's need of increased borrowings and the essentially interim (my italics) nature of the Bill which I am introducing. I hope that the House will facilitate its swift passage. What the House had been expecting had been the long pecting had been the long awaited (they usually are) state-ment from Sir Keith on the cor-

The Bill itself is small enough. porate plan submitted to the It is the sums involved and the Covernment last December by political ramifications, which Ian MacGregor, British will make today's second reading of the clumsily worded from dafted in under a controversial and Steel (Borrowing Powers) Bill 1981 more than a little ungest the corporation off the seemingly bottomaless purse get the corporation off the seemingly bottomaless purse private sources. The corporation of the seemingly bottomaless purse private sources. The corporation of the seemingly bottomaless purse private sources. The corporation of the seemingly bottomaless purse private sources. The corporation of the seemingly bottomales purse private sources. The corporation of the seemingly bottomales purse private sources. Government's back by the end of the 1982-83 financial year. That statement was delayed because it is said the Prime Minister had become alarmed at the scale, of the finance

An emergency measure

required to support the Mac-Gregor survival plan (although the Cabinet had approved the main principles the previous week).

Her decision to postpone the all embracing statement on the corporate plan, the money that BSC will require for the next two years and the proposed capital reconstruction must have been prompted at least in part by the rumblings on the

Government back benches.

There is a delicate political problem here. The effect of pouring further large payments of government cash into the corporation might be to undercut the private sector com-panies which in a number of areas compete directly with BSC produced steel.

The independent companies big a mess as the corporation

like British Steel, Hence their growing anxiety as British Steel, motivated by the highly aggressive Mr MacGregor, has set about capturing business in order to build up plant loading levels and has done so by offering customers very stirac-

Sir Keith and his officials have been trying to secure the rationalization of the industry through joint ventures between the public and private sectors, code named the Phoenix pro-ject. Some private companies have eschewed these attempts.
Sheerness Steel, whose chief executive, Mr Clancy Schueppert, will be among those sipping cocktails with Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith at a Downing Street reception

next Monday, is among those who have grave reservations about Phoenix. An ardent free-marketeer, Mr Schueppert wants no truck with the public sector. But others

re been willing to take part discussions. A last minute hitch, however, may delay today's planned announcement of "Phoenix One" a joint ven-ture between the corporation and GKN, bringing together their respective billet, bar and wire rod manufacturing interests That will be a fifty-fifty owned company with GKN re-sponsible for management. Gov-

tion has already proposed the rationalization which it is to implement for Phoenix One and a little more will be carried out

A neat little package—but it has taken months to wrap. Politically it is attractive. It involves rationalization of areas of overcapacity (full marks

The Phoenix plan

from the EEC), the private sector will be in the ascendant (good marks from the back benchers) and ultimately the drain on the Treasury will be reduced (full marks from the Chancellor).

The carefully drawn plans The carefully drawn plans for "Phoenix Two" have been more difficult. This involves rationalizing the engineering steels overlap and overcapacity between British Steel, GKN, Hadfields, the steelmaking company owned by Lonrho, Round Oak (a jointly owned company between the BSC and Tube Investments) and Duport. estments) and Duport.
The problems of the latter

have been very acuse and arguments have raged to and fro between the BSC and the independent company. Under the terms of the proposed Phoenix Two deal, the future of the Duport works at Lianelli is in

But it now looks as though as an item all sides involved in Phoenix expenditure.

Two may be edging towards agreement and the next step will be for ministers to assure without exception staunch probably by way of British worried back benchers that the supporters of the Conservative Steel) after which it secures scheme will work and that the Party—did not have access to whatever funds it needs from interests of the private sector Calming these fears may be an uphill job.

It is these anxieties that the Prime Minister wants to allay. The right-wing Monday Club has written to Sir Keith in forceful tones and members of the Conservative Industry Com-mittee, chaired by Mr Michael Grills, have been equally busy behind the scenes making their

worries known to ministers. As if to reinforce the points. being made by back bench MPs and the British Independent Steel Producers Association, one of the organization's members, the Sheffield-based Firth Brown group announced to its workers yesterday after-noon that it was to are about one third of its steelmaking labour force.

That announcement reflects the depth of the crisis in the steel industry, with production last year down to its lowest. levels since 1938, and the market shrunk to 50 per cent of its normal size. The significance of yester-

day's Firth Brown announce-ment, which stunned the workforce, will not be lost on Mrs Thatcher. Two years ago the company contributed £15,000 to the Tory Party; last year it donated £7,500. On the day before Mr Tebbit introduced his borrowings Bill, Mr John Clay, chairman of Johnson and Firth Brown, announced that the contribution was being stopped as an item of unnecessary

Business Diary: Joel's sole role • Who will take the pledge?

umped into Joel Barnett in City yesterday and even re I could open my mouth our's former Chief Secretary he Treasury was telling me there was no chance of his ing the Gang of Three Or

I believe I owe a great deal; he party", he told me " and elieve that ir is the only us of mefeating this Govern-

ud Barnett, no fan of the ent trade union leadership:
way can you clobber the e union movement into sub-

e union movement into subion: the only way is by
leration—and that is not
lable to the Social Demos as it will eventually be to
Labour Party."
Innett, the MP for Heywood
Royton is whiling away his
in Opposition as chairof the quoted Manchester
iles firm Arthur Henriques
is a member of a commison the public funding of
tical parties chaired by
und Dell.
ell came into the House in

ell came into the House in same year as Barnett (1964), ing been active with him Manchester Fabian circles also sat for a North-west stituency (Birkenbead). oth served at the Treasury. Dell quit the House in 1979 ecome chairman and chief cutive of City finance and ling house Guinness Peat. has since emerged as a porter and possible fund-er for "The Gang".



David Widdicombe, QC, one





of British Industry, Widdicombe says: "Millions of survivors: would be depending on essential industries operating effectively again as soon as possible. That is why it is urgent that business the product of the prod of Britain's leading planning lawyers who was leader for Windscale Appeal, one of the groups which fought unsuccessfully against a new nuclear waste reprocessing factory at Windscale, has popped up in another interesting role: understand, and are able to implement, survival rech-

He is chairman of an organi-A formidable team of specialzation calling itself the Nuclear ists has been lined up to ans-Protection Advisory Group (Nupag) which has organized a seminar in London on March 18 wer questions about what needs to be done to mitigate the effects of nuclear weapons. They include Richard Burton (the architect not the actor) called "Nuclear attack: protection for industry." and one of the organizers of the meeting who says busi-ness people are worried about The purpose is to help businessmen plan to survive a nuclear attack; which I suppose

may be reckoned as the industhe lack of civil preparedness. Other experts include Dr Alexander King, the former trialists ultimate problem. Nevertheless David Widdi-combe clearly believes it is solv-Foreign Office science attache and presently chairman of the International Federation for able because in correspondence with Sir Terence Beckett, direc-tor-general of the Confederation Advanced Study.

But those with surely the most intimate knowledge of pro-tection strategy include J. K. S. Clayton, director of the scien-tific advisory branch of the Home Office, Dr P. Sager, deputy-director of the Federal Office of Civil Defence, Switz-erland, and Professor Leonard Lewin and Crasson Kasznaw

Lewin and Cresson Kearney from the United States. The last two have made special studies of the impact of the electromagnetic pulse generated by weapons and nuclear war survival skills. Damage to communications systems, computers and power stations by electromagnetic surges is one of eight main issues on the agenda.

Other issues include the adaptation of services to postwar conditions, and how quickly can the agricultural and food distribution network be organized.

● The time has yet to come ● When last month Sally for the pawnbroking business. Oppenheim, the Consumer to be the power it was, even though everybody is short of the industry rejoiced at having a Minister of State cash and it can be quicker and not much more expensive to raise cash at the pop shop rather than at the bank. This is what I was told yes-

joint vice-chairman of Time Products. This is the quoted firm best known as a distributor of timepieces and jewelry, but is also the owner of Robertsons, the pawn shop that has operated in London's Edgware Road since 1797. "It is a social thing: people still don't like going into a pawnshop," Sacerdon said. And that is all he would say, since pawnbrokers are as discreet as bankers.

terday by Cesare Sacerdoti, a

My guess is that Robertsons flourishes because it is near Paddington Station and the many small hoteliers around there, as well as the Mayfair gamblers and showbiz types, who will put cash into, and raise fresh cash on jewelry. It may also be a "society" as well as a "social" thing. There is, after all, T. M. Sutton in Victoria Street, handy

for Pimlico, Westminster and Belgravia. And is not Sutton's

owned by Sears Holdings, owners of the Crown Jewellers,

Garrard & Co.

tather than an Under-Secretary batting for it.

I said the rejoicing might soon die down if Mrs Oppenheim did not improve on her performance in the consumer stald

Was I too cynical too soon ? Was I too cynical too soon? I hear the English Tourist Board (ETB) should be getting a better deal m government handouts this next financial year, the Treasury norwithstanding Allocations of cash for tourism grants and interest relief schemes, for pumppriming exercises, will be rising virtually in line with inflation this time round

The ETB got £4.3m last year so they should be good this April for about another half million pounds.

million pounds.

But the tourism lobby should not get too euphoric. There seems little chance of getting anywhere with their lobbying for a lower rate of VAT for

Out of place: I remember being told once by a Yorkshireman that near his home was a shop owned by a Pakistoni, a small place squashed between two other and larger premises. I can recall no more than that its name was M Din.

Ross Davies

HARDYS & HANSONS



Highlights from Chairman's Statement

Our beer sales have held up better than the average for the rest of the country.

We have lived well within our own resources and have benefited from the high interest rates.

Brewery expansion scheme is now largely operational and is expected to cost in the region

 During the year four new Public Houses were opened, and one re-opened after extensive

Trade in the first quarter has not been particularly buoyant and I cannot see any dramatic improvement whilst the economy is in its present. state of recession.

Results at a glance for the 53 weeks ended 3rd October 1980 1980 (53 weeks) · 1979 (52 weeks) £0000 £000 13,075 11,206

Turnover Profit before Tax 2,645 2,259 Available for 1,385appropriation 1,331 24.573p .Earnings per share 20.757p 11.1p Total Dividend 9.4p



Stock markets

Equities rally as bargain hunters move in

cal rally yesterday in spite of 1180 ahead of today's figures. further support for action by But Distillers fell 4p to 187p. the miners and the rejection of in the wake of a gloomy report a 10 per cent pay offer by the from the Scotch Whisky Assowater workers.
Traders reported a further

shakeout of stock as talk of a spring of discontent "gathered pace with the miners, water workers and firemen all threatening industrial action. However, the selling soon dried up and a rally got under way with the continuing shortage of stock reacting favourably to the appearance of several bargain hunters. The FT Index, after being 2.0 down at 10 am and 4.9 lower at 11 am, closed 1.0 higher at 485.5.

Dealers appeared to be taking the view last night that the miners' confrontation might yet be-averted. If not, existing coal stocks throughout the country were likely to see the winter out, thereby putting the pressure on the miners in the spring to resolve the issue. In the meantime, investors continued to focus their attention on the more speculative second liners as the long three-week account

entered the mid-way stage.
Gilts, on the other hand,
spent another quiet session still
weighed down by the two recent new taps. Reaction to Monday's record trade figure re-mained divided and hopes of a cut in the Minimum Lending Rate now appear to have been put back to the Budget. As a result, jobbers saw little im-provement in turnover and, with conditions still thin, prices with conditions still thin, prices fluctuated within narrow limits. In longs, gains of around £4 were recorded, while at the shorter end earlier losses of £1/16 were erased to leave prices unchanged on the day.

Leading industrials bore a mixed appearance, unable to re-coup Monday's heavy falls but there were one or two bright spots. Lucas Industries jumped 7p to 166p on the announcement of a joint venture into solar energy with BP, down 6p at 392p. BOC International also

Bank Base

Rates

ABN Bank 14%

Barclays 14%

BCCI 14%

Consolidated Crdts 14%

C. Hoare & Co .. *14%

Lloyds Bank 14%

Midland Bank 14%

Nat Westminster .. 14%

Rossminster 14%

Williams and Glyn's 14%

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Multord Docks Company will be held at The Hyde Park Hotel, 66 Knightsbridge, London S.W.I. on Wednesday the 18th day of March, 1981, at 12 noon for the purpose of considering the provisions of the Bill now before Parliament Intituled "A. Bill to empower the Milford Docks Company to construct works and to acquire lands: to extend and alter the limits of the docks; to authorise the raising of additional capital: to confer further powers on the Company; and for other purposes.

At such Meeting the said Bill will be submitted for the consideration and approval of the Proprietors. Dated this 18th day of February, 19th.

P. A. WELSFORD ecretary of the Company

7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 11 25; bg to \$50,000 125, over £50,000 125,76.

ciation which talked of distillers running at half capacity and warning of further redundancy. Elsewhere, Beecham slipped 1p to 177p after reearlier in the week, while GKN fell 1p to 147p, Metal Box 6p to 180p and Tube Investments 4p

ICI held steady at 292p. Fisons rose 3p to 130p, Dunlop 1p to 65p, following the Department of Trade report into share stakes, and John Brown 3p to

Foods saw sellers of J. Sainsbury, down 13p at 351p after a sell recommendation by brokers Capel-Cure Myers. Tate & Lyle was another weak feature, sliding 2p to 166p after the abortive talks on the closure of its Liverpool refinery but British Sugar rose 5p to 268p after announcing the closure of four of its plants with the loss of 750 jobs. Associated Fisheries held steady at 53p ahead of figures tomorrow but Dalgety, reporting today, fell 2p at 273p. Reckitt & Colman, with a big export business, celebrated the renewed weakness of sterling with a 5p rise to 192p. Trust-house Forte retreated 2p to 190p after publication of the annual report. Pergamon's agreed bid for BPC saw the annual

latter slip 1p to 16p.

Int or Fin First Scots Amer (F)

T & N talks

on deal in

Zimbabwe

Turner & Newall, the Man-

chester-based asbestos and

motor . components . group, is

negotiating with a quoted

Zimbabwe company about a

merger with T & N's local sub-

The Zimbabwe Turner Holdings (Private) Company which

managed to boost assets by £86m to £92m during the 14 years of UDI and then forecast £12m pretax profit for 1980, is

in discussion with Mashonaland

Holdings, the largest brick manufacturer in Zimbabwe. A

merger with Mashonaland would result in a reverse take-over which would give Turner

& Newall a substantial majority

of an enlarged company with-out diluting its existing earnings

or assets and with a Zimbabwe

Turner Holdings manufactures building materials, brake

linings, steel pipes and tubes as well as asphalt, but the

merger would also introduce it

to Mashonaland's electrical motors business and transport

Turner & Newall is due to

publish its 1980 results next month when it will reveal the

contribution from 2imbabwe.

By Rosemary Unsworth

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Ernest Jones (F) Inveresk (F)

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Pratt leapt 13p to 115p as Bardsley, down 2p at 23p, and headed by Mr John Bentley, emerged as the mystery buyer of 12 per cent of the equity. Aurora was unchanged at 27p despite the assurance of Government aid.

Rumours of a bid from the Far East saw Concentric rise 2p to 38p with speculative attention lifting: RCF 3p to 22p, Sumrie 4p to 41p, Fitzwilton 4p to 49p and Bluemel Bros 3p to

New Court Natural Resources shares slipped 3p to 83p yes-terday after RIT sold most of its 16 per cent stake worth about £2.6m. RIT had held the shares, which went to various institutions, for more than four years. New Court recently acquired exploration acreage instern Nevada and is already in Kansas.

27p. Acquisition news boosted Wolstenholme Rink 5p to 88p with Homfray adding 1p to 12p on the chairman's statement,

profits setback and Ernest Jones In stores House of Fraser (Jewellers) shed 5p to 109p remained unchanged at 144p after interim figures. Grand after the official offer document Metropolitan held firm at 160p after first-quarter figures. The market seemed impressed with trading news from UU Textues, up 2p at 15p. Similarly Utico

Latest results

said yesterday. Associated Newspapers is making a £7.76m bid for BEP, which is opposed by the BEP board of directors.

In fact Associated owns only

23.8 per cent of Bristol Evening Post, though it does have a 40 per cent share of the company's

operating subsidiary, Bristol United Press. In April the Monopolies and Mergers Com-

mission judged that Associated Newspapers is a proprietor of EEP's newspaper interests because of these stakes, which means that Associated's bid,

worth 190p a share, could avoid the scrutiny of the Secretary of State for Trade.

fence of her statement that the disputed bid did not need to go before the Secretary of State, she erroneously said that

were made in response to a £201,000. The question from Mr Arthur is unchanged. Palmer, Labour MP for Bristol North East. Pressed further by

Mr John Fraser, opposition L&G's pension funds spokesman for trade and in de rocch £1 700.

In engineering shares of F. rose 15p to 120p and Inveresk of the pound as Sedgwick Pratt leapt 13p to 115p as 1p to 32p. Securicor, reporting Group firmed 1p to 122p, Bardsley, down 2p at 23p, and today, advanced 2p to 188p. Willis Faber 2p to 288p and headed by Mr John Bentley. In financials Manson Finance CE Heath 5p to 213p while improved 3p to 78p in the wake of its interim statement as at 94p. Unfortunately the com-Smith Bros, reporting tomorrow, posite insurance groups have

expanded 2p to 40p. Banks showed further losses in generally thin conditions with the threat of a windfall tax in the Budget still looming. Barclays was 2p cheaper at 393p as was National Westminster at 363p. Midland improved 3p to to 328p and Lloyds, reporting this week, held firm at 325p.

A warning of further losses coming only days after the dismal interim statement had dismal interim statement had Manchester' Ship Canal 6p lighter at 145p and profit taking clipped 6p more from Reardon Smith 'A' at 146p.

Profit taking was the prime reason for a 4p fall in Rediffusion at 120p with sellers leaving United Scientific 15p down at 343p and Electrocom-

down at 343p and Electrocomahead of figures out tomorrow and dipped 4p to 120p. Bur among the major small reon the chairman's statement, but M. P. Kent saw profit taking and fell 4p to 114p.

Reliance Knitwear ended all square at 18 after its interim profits setback and Ernest Jones

In stores House of Fraser and statement at 144p

Investment income.

boosts Meat Trade

Turnover of Meat Trade
Suppliers in the half-year to
September 30, 1980, was
£3.85m, against £5.59m in the
similiar period of 1979. Mr
W. C. Anstis, the chairman,
explains that sales for 1979
period would have been £3.7m
if low profit trading, discontinued on September 30,
1979, had been deducted.
Taking this adjustment into
account, sales for the 1980 half-

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reach £1.700m

12pc stake in F Pratt CE Heath 5p to 213p while Minet Holdings was unchanged Mr John Bentley's Bardsey emerged as the mystery market raider on F. Pratt Engineering, posite insurance groups have been unable to draw on the yesterday disclosing a 12.67 per cent stake and informing Pratt

same inspiration. Commercial that "it is actively consider-ing the possibility" of bidding for the rest of the shares. Union slipped 2p to 147p with General Accident at 292p and However, confirmation of Bardsey's involvement was Sun Alliance at 752p unchanged. shortly followed by the news, that Pratt is selling Hamblin & Oils experienced early selling, but recovered later with the help of a few bargain hunters. Windgate, its dispensing opti-cians with 38 retail outlets, for £4.5m—over five nimes more Among the majors Shell closed

10p lower at 400p, Ultramar the same at 463p, Lasmo 5p off at 639p and Burmah 2p down at than the £850,000 purchase price last July when Pract bought the company from Ranger Oil was 5p stronger family interests. Aitchison Group, part of Galla-her and Britain's largest opti-cian chain. It is paying well above net asset value which was stated at £995,000 last July. However, H & W made a three-

Ranger Oil was 5p stronger at 650p on acquisition news and Pict Petroleum closed 30p dearer at 400p. But among "Aussies" Strata Oil plunged 40p to 170p on news that it had suspended drilling at Woodada Three, previously thought to centain large quantities of oil ponents a similar figure at contain large quantities of oil. 663p. Hoover became nervous Haoma Gold lost 22p to 110p in

Consolidated Gold Fields enconsolidated Gold Fields encountered a return of confidence, pushing the price 9p higher to 435p, RTZ was 8p better at 406p. Among gold shares Anglo Am Gold rose £1 1/16 to £39, West Dreifontein £2 to £311 and Vaal Reefs £1 to £311.

Equity turnover on Februar 16 was £11.654m. (17,163 bar ains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were GEC, Shell, Associated Dairies, Beecham, BP, Marks & Spencer, Plessey, Burnah, ICI, RTZ, Barclays Bank, Ultramar, Chubb, Hawker Siddley and Ladbroke.

Traded options: Business remained at a low level with most

mained at a low level with most activity centred on oils where BP and Lasmo captured 112 contracts each out of a total

Inveresk (F) 63(61.7) 3.46†(0.52) 16.8‡(0.8) -(1.0) -(2.0) Manson Fin (1) 2.46(1.86) 0.52(0.42) 2.7(2.2) 1.5(1.5) 13/3 -(3.5) Meat Trade (1) 3.85(5.59) 0.22(0.2) -(--) 3.5(3.5) 26/3 -(7.87) Meldrum Inv (F) -(-) 1.13(0.98) 3.78(3.33) 2(1.5) 9/4 3.25(3) Reliance Knit (1) 9.57(8.74) 0.03(0.23) -(-) 0.77(1.54) 5/5 -(3.1) Joseph Webb (I) 2.48(2.18) 0.27(0.29) 0.89(0.93) 0.13(0.1*) 1/4/4 -(0.5*) Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. * Adjusted for scrip issue; † Loss. Traditional options were also quiet although calls were pro-duced in Charterhall on 9p and Burmah on 164p and a put was

> Minister was in error, BEP says Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minls- situation to see if a reference Mixed Fund, which invests in ter of State for Consumer to the Monopolies Commission equities and fixed interest rose
> Affairs, stated incorrectly in arises under the general prothe House of Commons on Monday that Associated Newspapers
> owns 60 per cent of Bristol
> Evening Post, the BEP board
> Evening Post, the BEP board
> Evening Post, Associated Newspapers
> Tuyestment income

The ordinary Share Fund saw the largest growth in percen-tage terms, up from £31m to £75m, followed by the Fixed Interest Fund, which also more than doubled from £43m to

The company's Composite Fund, investing in property, fixed interest and equities jumped from £12m to £23m, while the International Fund attracted £11m during its first three months in crimeness. three months in existence:

Heavier interest Pretax profits for the 1980 half hits J Webb

year show a small rise, while Meat Trade's investment in-come increased "considerably". Mrs Oppenheim's remarks reached £221,000, against vere made in response to a £201,000. The interim dividend After almost doubled interest of £159,000 against £81,900 last time—pretax profits of Joseph Webb slipped from £295,000 to £271,000 in the half-year to September 30, 1980. Group turnover was up from £2.18m to £2.48m. Pretax rofits. for the current year are are for the current year are ex-pected to be "marginally be-low" the previous year. The laterim dividend is being main-Funds handled by Legal and General Assurance (Pensions Management), Britain's largest Associated Newpapers had a 60 managed pension fund comper cent holding that was "tanpany, grew by £427m last year tained at 0.18p gross on the tamount to being in full conand now stand around the capital enlarged by a one-for-tent trol". The Director General of £1,700m mark. The largest of scrip issue, compared with 0.17p Fair Trading is looking at the the company's six funds, the (adjusted) last time.

The buyer is Dolland & John Bentley, chairman of

Mr Bentley discloses

Mr Bentley said yesterday that he was not particularly surprised at the price placed on H & W and he had had "an idea? what it was worth. However, he would not be drawn on whether the sale might deter Bardsey from bidding.
We are going to have a

phasising that Bardsey taken a broad view of Pratt. Pratt's shares stood at 50s few weeks ago, and 70p week just before Bard launched its market raid at 1 and Pratt announced possible sale of H & W. T. rose a further 13p to 115p y terday, valuing the group £6.22m.

Moditie

The sale of H & W would p vide a further large boost Pratt's already substam asset-backing. The group has number of commercial prop-ties and at October, 1979. assets per share of 202p, Su then, it has made net proof £824,000, while the profit the H & W sale could add ab 67p a share to net assets.

In an unrelated deal, Bards whose shares fell 2p to 23p; terday, has bought a 5 per c stake in American oil and exploration group. West Petroleums for Canadian \$1.4 (£533,000). Westfort is quo on the Vancouver Stock; change and traded under R 163(1)(e) in London.

Reliance

Knitwear

By Peter Wainwright

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Today Reliance Knitw.
Group of Halifax has 1, workers, only 60 fewer that year ago. It has kept its pland labour force virtually tact despite retail recessiand it paid the price in the months to October 31.

Turnover of this supplier knitwear and sportswear, 35 cent of it to Marks and Spent rose a tenth to £9.57m, cloak

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rose a tener to 19.5/m, cloar a larger increase in volume, pretax profits plunged it £228,000 to £30,000 compa with £573,321 in the full y to April 30, 1980 and £132; in 1975-76, the bottom of last recession. However, £573,321 included £150,964.

temporary employment subs (now abolished) and profits

sales of fixed assets of £43,0 Shareholders were wan last August that their dividi

recent years and last time

slumps

Consumer downturn hits Ernest Jones

By Philip Robinson
Shares of Ernest Jones
(Jewellers) dropped 5p to 109p yesterday as the group, which came to market 30 months ago, reported a profits fall and an unchanged final dividend.

month contribution of £132,000 before tax on sales of £993,000, to Pratr's last annual profits

of £992,000 in the year to

The sale of H & W is still subject to shareholders approval at an extraordinary general.

A year ago the group, which was 85 times oversubscribed on going public, was reporting pro-fits up a third, a more than doubled total dividend and a. one-for-one scrip issue.

Mr Ernest Weinstein, chairman, said that by last April the jewelry trade was feeling the pinch of lower consumer spending. By the second six months from March to September weilt departed to less than ber, profits dropped to less than half those in the same period in 1979, and the year's pretax profits came down from a record £1.6m to £1.45m on turn-over, without VAT, up 11 per cent to £8.6m.

The total gross dividend is up 4 per cent from 5,35p to 5,57p with a final dividend unchanged on the enlarged capital at 3.57p.
Some directors have once
again waived their rights, saving the company £253,000. With these waivers, the total didend is covered \$5 times.

Mr. Weinstein says the group was not immune to the pre-vailing economic conditions during the second half. The recession brought a rapid downturn in consumer demand.



Mr Ernest Weinstein, chairman of Ernest Jones (Jeweliers).

The three months since Sept-The three months since September have produced record sales "by value, although volume is satisfactory", he says.

The group added six stores to its chain last year and now operates 50 branches with three more planned to open before March. Last year the group

March Last year the group spent £897,000 on fixed assets, which was almost double the figure for 1979. In the last accounts, Ernest Jones had no long-term borrow-ings, but overdrafts had doubled to £735,000. Mr Weinstein says that the interest charge to ser-

recent years and last time total gross payout was cut in 5.27p a share to 4.43p. Now gross interim dividend halved at 1.1p a share but encouraging point is that company is willing to abs £56.545 even though propafter tax were only £6.000 could also be encouraging at this dividend is being paeven though, adjusted for if lation, Reliance has be losing money.

Mr Raymond Newman, cheman, reports that "the woman now be over and so vice its debt disclosed when the accounts come out on February 24, will be higher than last year's £62,000. may now be over and so

United Glass loses £5.6m improvement is expected in current calendar year." Impala cautious

container maker in the United Kingdom, tumbled into the red more redundancies in the second

The group, which is jointly owned by Distillers, the whisky group, and the United States glass company. Owens Illinois, supplier to the wines and lost £5.57m before tax com-spirits industry, which has been pared with a £10.9m profit the suffering badly during the year before. The volume of recession.

cial situation partly because of

International

Hesperus said the rejection

Unisec said its directors and

followed advice from Finansbank that the offer was

inadequate.

United Glass, the largest glass over rose from £164m to £176m. The cuts in output led to Kingdom, tumbled into the red half and the losses included in the second half of the year \$4.8m of redundancy and to November 29. Redundancy closure costs. The marked rise payments, higher interest in borrowings combined with charges and lower output in high interest rates pushed response to the drop in demand were to blame.

The group rehich is jointly to the trop charachelders. paid to the two shareholders, who received £2.8m in 1978-79. . United Glass is a principal

institution the 999-year lease on

family interests hold 860,000 of

the approximately 42m ordin-

ary 20 cent (South African)

Holders of a further 17.43m shares have said they will reject the offer. In addition, Billhawk Investments and Newstock Pro-

prietary, which together hold 2.86m shares, have said they will nor accept.

Mannesmann deal

Mannesmann, the West Ger-

have been delayed by about six to Maxivend, months, got into a right finan-PMA is also selling to an

Ladyship International and its be further reduced by £800,000 wholly owned subsidiary, Gower of its debts of the companies

shares.

on final figures By Michael Prest Mining Correspondent Impala Platinum, the So African producer which is per cent owned by Genraised interim profits after and lease payments by R12 to R63.6m (£35.3m). But company says that second l profits are unlikely to be be and that the interim divid has been maintained at cents.

For the six months to end of December Impala, Sa Africa's second biggest p num producer, made a condated pretax profit of RL compared with R92.5m in same period of 1979. After profits for last full year v R119m. Interim earnings share are up by 21 cents to the recession and party because the main Gower property for of the ill-timed acquisition of f196m. Gower will be taking the loss making Harris Lebus on the property at an annual furniture business in 1979.

The arrangements announced to be received by PMA is thus yesterday include the sale of £4.82m and its borrowings will be adventigable to the first than the control of the form of the first than the first cents.

But platinum prices I fallen sharply recently—clo at \$483 an ounce in Lon yesterday—and this, combi with higher production c and lower prices for o Impala metals such as cot makes the company caut was

Business appointment

Oppenheimer International chairman

Sir David Nicolson has been pointed chairman of the Oppenheimer International pany which has been establin London by Oppenheimer & to undertake the group's me and acquisition and corpo finance activities in Europe. O directors of the new company: Mr Christopher J. S. Ci managing director; Mr Nor K. Siegal, managing director; Jeffrey P. Beck: Mr Jack N: Mr Stephen Robert and Sir J Stewart-Clark.

Mr C. J. Hounsell, group c pany secretary of Chrys, has I made a director. Two directive ho have been given additives ponsibilities for subsidiction companies, are Mr C. W. Sandiand Mr H. Creevey. Mr Sandigroup commercial director. Curhas been appointed chairman Currys; Microsystems and Creevy, the director responsion appointed chairman of T. Bric and Son. Mr D. N. Valle, a

appointed chairman of T. Brit and Son. Mr D. N. Valle, a mer director of T. Bridger Son has been made a director Currys (Retail). Mr S. Belling the group distribution mana for Currys, has become a direct of W. R. Stott (Shipfitters). group's building and shipfit associate company.

associate company.

Mr D. R. Hampton has b made secretary of AAH Ltd British Fuel Company's for March, 1981 in succession to W. D. D. Allen who will continue as an executive director of A. Lid on a part-time basis.

27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8E8 Telephone 01-621 1212 The Over-the-Counter Market Price Chige Divipi By Catherine Gunn

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M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited

THE CHARTER TRUST & AGENCY LIMITED Managers: KLEINWORT, BENSON LIMITED

Extracts from the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th November 1980

1980 1979 GROSS REVENUE .* £2,405,841 £2,450,598° NET REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR

| ORDINARY STOCK | £1,363,652 | £1,351,733° |
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| EARNED FOR ORDINARY STOCK (Net) | 3.38p | 3.36p* |
| DIVIDENDS ON ORDINARY STOCK (Net) | 3.20p | 3.156p* |
| INVESTMENTS — Valued at 30th November | er | |
| Total value after deducting net current | | |
| fiabilities (1979 assets) | £42,565,555 | £31,284.653 |
| ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY STOCK | 240,546,583 | £29,214,120 |
| NET ASSET VALUE per unit of 25p. | 100.6p | 72.6p |
| *Revenue in 1973 includes non-recurring dividen "Shell "Transport & Trading Ltd. amounting t | da received on to 1176,021 gro | the holding in 93 and £123,215 |

Annual General Meeting - 20 Fenchurch Street, London EC3P 3DB Thursday 12th March 1981 at 2.30 p.m.

Well flow problems hit Strata

Shares of Australian exploration company Strata Oil plunged 40p to 174p in London yesterday after news that testing at its Number Three well at Woodada in the Perth Basin has been temporarily sus-pended. The price is 18 cents down on the overnight close in Sydney, of A\$3.60 (£1.50), which was struck after a 70 cent fall

Strata's geologists are having to re-think after tests which found gas and "small amounts of waxy oil" but failed to stimulate a steady flow. So far, the reasons for the well's refusal to flow are nor understood at Strata, though one possibility is that the 100 gallons of concrete sent down the well to set the casing and the 30,000 barrels of balancing mud used in drilling have caused a block-

Strata is waiting for new equipment to induce the well to flow. Meanwhile, drilling continues at the Cabawin Number Three well, and Woodada Four has been been spudded. Strata has a 26.8 per cent in the total Woodada ven-

Briefly

rate on this week's issues of year-ling bonds is 122 per cent. Issue price is 100. (Last week 123 per cent at 100).

cent at 100).

Wotstenhalme Rink has acquired Procter Johnson & Co for £169,000 cash. Proctor is in the business of grinding and blending pigments, mainly for the cement industry. Proctor has an active export Sidiam industries: Mr Robert C-Smith, chairman, says in his

Sidiam industries: Mr. Robert C. Smith, chairman, says in his annual statement that the directors' recommendation of a final dividend in face of the results reported for 1980, is latended to reflect the board's confidence in the future profitability of the group.

First Scottish American Trust:

Pretax revenue for year to Febru-

First Scottish American Trust:
Pretax revenue for year to February 2, 1981, £2.17m (£1.99m).
Total dividend, 6.5p (6p) gross.
Mid-Sussex Water Company:
Underwriting has been completed for an offer for sale by tender by Mid-Sussex Water Company of £3.5m 8 per cent, redeemable preference stock, 1986. Brokers to the issue are Dennis Murphy, Campbell & Co. bell & Co. Penulne Commercial Holdings: Circular gives further details of

the proposed acquisitions from Prenwain Developments, already announced, EGM to approve on March 2. Chairman, Mr Geoffrey Tankard, reaffirms his earlier forecast that Pennine will make a substantial surplus during 1981, with the enlarged property divi-sion making a major contribution to profits.

CYCLICAL INDICATORS FOR THE UK ECONOMY The following table is based on the CSO corporate indices of the business cycle in the United Kingdom published vesterday.

| Longer lending (4 indicators) | Shorter lending (5 Indicators) | , Coincident (6 indicators) | Lapping (5 Indicators) | | | |
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PMA moves to reduce debts

PMA Holdings, the furniture manufacturing group, is selling about £5m worth of assets to reduce debts. It will also announce later this month pro-

further reduce borrowings.

Mr Malcolm Meredith, the chairman, said yesterday that the moves would insure the survival of the company "whatever wholly owned subsidiary, Gower of its debithe circumstances". PMA, Furniture, the assembly kit furbeing sold.

Unisec holders reject Sage bid yesterday that it had received written confirmation that holders of more than 50 per cent of Unisec Group shares.

would not accept a takeover offer from Sage Holdings,
Hesperus Holdings, which holds 15.1m shares in Unisec, representing 36 per cent of the ordinary share capital, said it was rejecting the offer,

Ranger to buy Kissinger Ranger Oil said yesterday .. Mr Pierce stated that shortthat it had agreed to purchase term bank financing had been Kissinger Petroleum Corpora arranged for the cash portion

company, for \$45m (£19.9m) and its wholly owned Canadian Mr J. M. Pierce, the chair subsidiary.

man, said the purchase price to be paid upon closing in March vertible into 800,000 common ture due March 2001.

tion, a Colorado based oil and

of the purchase price and to replace the approximately \$19m ras exploration and drilling bank indebtedness of Kissinger

would take the form of \$22m shares of Ranger at the option in cash and a \$23m 82 per cept of the holders on and after convertible subordinated deben. September 20, 1982, at a con-September 20, 1982, at a con-version price of \$28.75.

Abercom Group advances The Abercom Group: yester-The board said the results re-

R9.3m (£5.3m) in the six months to December 31, against R6.3m a year before.

day reported pretax income of flected steady growth within areas during the period under review, particularly in heavy, engineering.

R6.3m a year before.

Turnover rose to R99.8m from R74.8m. Earnings a share were 32 cents, against 23 cents and an interim dividend of 14 cents, against 11 cents, was declared.

R6.3m a year before.

Heavy, engineering.

Strengthened growth is exfrom Vereinigre Flugrechnische pected during the second half Werke (VFW) which merged of this year in fans, structural with MBB in December last steel, mining equipment and year, and its subsidiary Erno against 11 cents, was declared.

man metal manufacturing group, said it had reached

basic agreement with Kienzle to take a 50 per cent stake in the company's enlarged capital. Kienzle manufactures data sys-Details of the acquisition and

of cooperation plans were still to be completed, it said, and the agreement needed the apvisory board and the Federal Cartel Office.

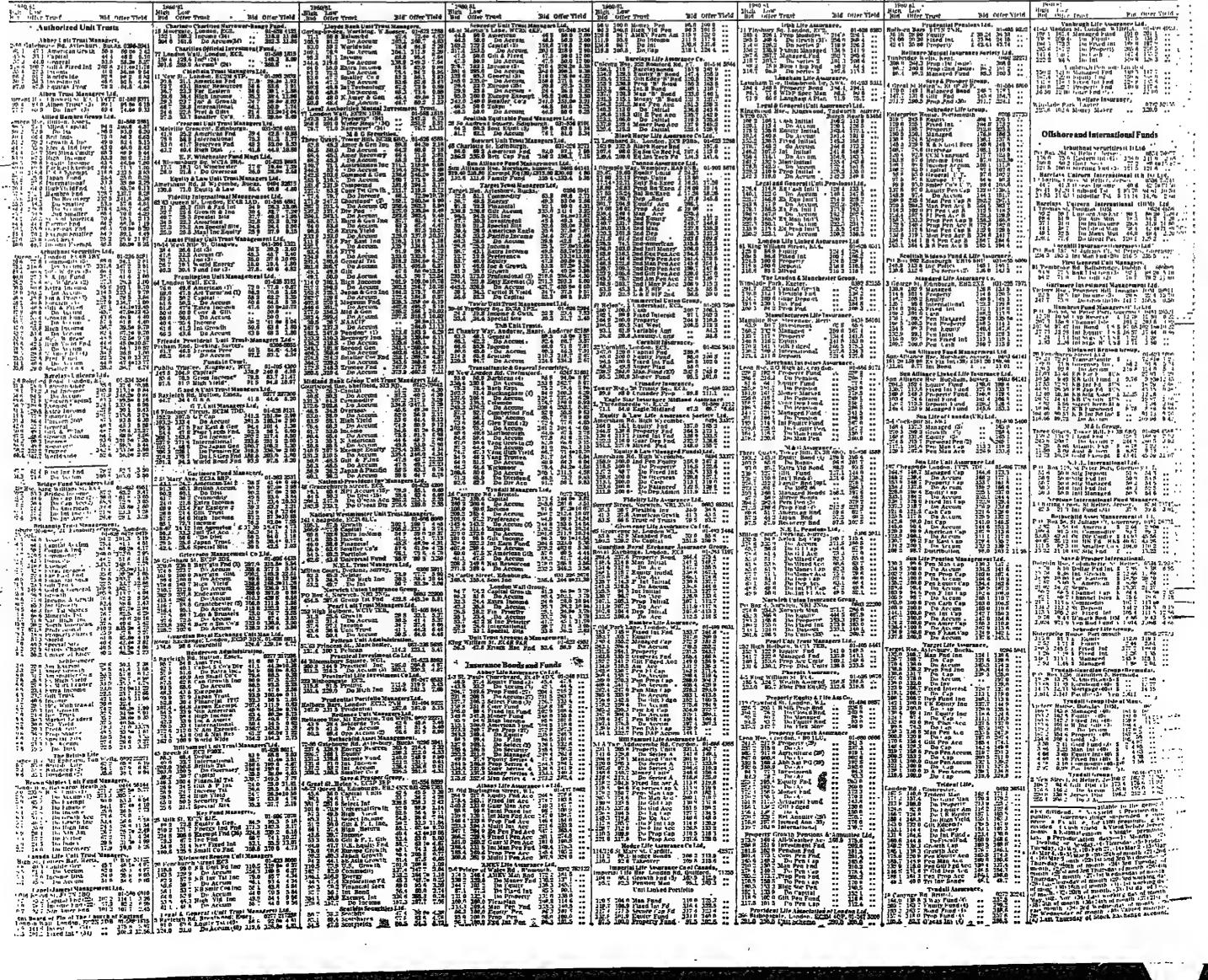
MBB outlook Messerschmitt-Boelkow-Blohm

says it expects consolidated sales this year of DM5,100m (£1,007m) after recording unconsolidated sales of DM4,300m in 1980.

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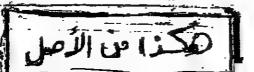
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Henronry House, at Beckley, near Rye, in East Sussex, a four-roundel oast house, for sale with up to 93 acres.

leried great hall was added this swimming pool with a paved sur- The whole property extends to just century, but was built of medieval materials rescued from old buildings. The medieval east door came from Sundridge Church. The accom-modation also includes two main reception rooms, a morning room and a study; plus a main bedroom, dressing room and bathroom suite,

and three further bedroom suites. There is also a self-contained staff or guest flat with two rooms and a separate entrance. Gardens and grounds cover a little over three acres and include a heated round and underwater lighting. Offers over £300,000 are being asked through Hampton and Sons.

On a smaller scale is Bay Tree Cottage, at Yearsley, in north Yorkshire. The property is thought to date from the sixteenth century and at one time to have been the village post office and bakehouse: it was built as two cottages and converted and modernized only in about 1967.

Present, accommodation consists, of two reception rooms, a study, four bedrooms and two bathrooms.

under eight acres, including extensive outbuildings and paddocks. One of the paddocks has outline plan-ning permission for the building of two houses. Savills and Smith Gore, York office, is the agent, and the price is about £75,000.

An unusual property of interest is Heronry House, at Beckley, near Rye, in East Sussex, a four-roundel oast house probably over 150 years old and now well modernized. Many of the rooms are round, mostly

about 15ft in diameter. The accommodation is substantial and includes three main reception rooms, a morning room and a study, five bedrooms and two bathrooms, plus a staff sitting room. The property extends in all to about 93 acres and is expected to make about £200,000, but offers of about £120,000 would be considered for the house and five acres with a barn and other outbuildings. The agent is Geering and Colycr, of Rye.

Also well up the price scale is Oak Farm, at Peaslake, near Guildford, Surrey, believed to date originally from the eighteenth cen-tury, but added to both in the nineteenth and this century.

Main construction is of brick and stone under a tiled roof and there is a variety of accommodation. The main house has three reception rooms, a breakfast room off the kitchen, a man bedroom and bathroom suite and three further bedrooms and a second bathroom, together with a games room in the cellar and a second playroom in the

Detached from the house is a former granary converted into a guest corrage with a bedroom and bathroom suite, a living room and a combined kitchen and dining room. A further feature is a loggia and barbeçue area in the garden along the swimming pool. The whole property runs to about two acres.

and is for sale at £198,000 through Messenger May Baverstock, Guildford.

Another house which has been added to is The Croft, at Maple. hurst, Sussex, dating back to the middle of the nineteenth century with additions made in the 1930s and brought up-to-date more recently.

Here the accommodation is again extensive and includes three recep-tion rooms, a study, a flower room and a playroom all downstairs, with five main bedrooms, a dressing room, two bathrooms and two more attic rooms upstairs. Outside, a separate brick stable has a flat above it which contains a large store room, a sitting room and two bedrooms, plus its own kitchen and as

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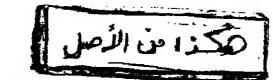
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6.00 am News.

9:00 News. 9:05 Morgan Talk. 12:00 News.

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30 Today. 35 Yesterday in Parliament.

19,370 News, 16,572 Gardeners' Question Time, 19,34' Daily Service, 10,45 Story, 11,69 News, 11,65 Baker's Dozen,

per You and Yours, Frank Muir Goes Into . . . †



reak in the Sun (BBC 1, 5.05): Nicola Cowper (foreound), with Lindsey Walker, Brian Peck and Steve Hodson

It strikes me as a most responsible attitude on the part of ottish Television, who made last night's harrowing film about e convicted munderer Jimmy Boyle, that they should not let afters rest there. If ever there was provocation for a debate on e penal system, it is Peter McDougall's film. On paper, the am of experts assembled for tonight's studio debate, chaired

am of experts assembled for tonight's studio debate, chaired Desmond Wilcox, is an impressive one. It includes presentatives of the prison officers' association, the Howard ague for Penal Reform, a professor of criminology, a past and esent minister with responsibility for prisons, and a former nvict who knew Boyle in his gangland days. As it was Jeremy taxes who produced the Boyle film, and he has a reputation for the studio produced the stu t yielding ground in the face of numerically superior forces, is the ideal choice as spokesman for the team that made A nse of Freedom (ITV, 10.30).

I am an unrepentent devotée of Coronation Street (ITV, 7.30) my addiction to its does not blind me to its shortcomings. id its shortcomings have been all too painfully obvious these st few weeks. No two ways about it: it has got deeply into a t. Cannot something be done about Ken Barlow and his furiating blandness? Can't the writers find something better Peirdre Langton to do than flit from man to man? And, reserving Langton to do than fift from man to man? And, ease, will Bet and Fred, mursing their pique behind the counter the Rovers Return, stop behaving like silly children? If there isn't a blinding light on the Close tonight, in Peter illiams's Open Secret (BBC 1, 9.25), it is because Dennis Amis wearing his armour and the fast bowlers can't dent his head th their missiles. Mr Amis is one of the sportmen who explain Mr Williams why they are taking their lives in their hands see days when they set on to the field and there's a worked ese days when they get on to the field, and there's a worried unding neurosurgeon to back them up as well as a rugby

yer who has lost an eye and another who is confined to a teelchair. But quite the nastiest sequence in tonight's film is evided by the Scottish exponents of full-contact karate who Displict as much damage on their opponents with their wicked by list as they do with their flying lists.

On radio tonight: my favourite Beethoven symphony, the No 7. is one of the two works the BBC SO play at the Royal Festival li. The other is Zemlinsky's Lyric Symphony in Seven Songs, the Elisabeth Söderström as soprano soloist. . Two musical

sorians to whom we all owe an incalculable debt of gratitude, russ their calling tonight (Radio 3, 10.00). They are Stanley lie, editor of Grove's Dictionary or Music and Musicians, and raid Abraham, author of the Concise Oxford History of usic. . . . What Spike Milligan sees through the window of his refordshire home (Radio 4, 3.50) is vastly different from the

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muchic view he sees through the windows of his mind.

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BBC 1 9.05 am For Schools, Colleges: Technical studies. Presswork operations in industry: 9.35 Exploring Science: Living underwater; 9.58 Let's Go and Be Careful; 10.12 Words and Pictures; 10.30 Animal Foods and Choices; 11.02 Strength of Materials. 11.25 You and Me : Meeting the

lifeboat men. 11.40 For Schools, Colleges: Religious and moral education; 12.95 pm Kontakte! Closedown at 12.30.

12.45 News and weather forecast.

1.00 Pebble Mill at Oue: The great National Parks of England and Wales. An interview with Professor J. Allen Patmore of Hull University; 1.45 Trumpton.

2.61 For Schools, Colleges: David and Saul; 2.18 Far and Near: Streams and rivers; 2.40 Read Onl Journey On (5).

3.00 Speak for Yourself: How to avoid being later for work. Series for those whose first language is not English (r); 3.25 Delia Smith's Cookery Course: Making pastas, and pancakes (r); 3.55 Play School: Ron Brooks's story

6.40 am Open University. Accident investigation: 7.30 Why Inter-disciplinary studies? Closedown at

10.20 Gharbar : For Asian women.

Closedown at 10.45. 11.00 Play School: The same as

BBC 1, 3.55 (Timothy and Gramps). Closedown at 11.25.

4.50 pm Open University. Bronze Casting; 5.15 Maths at Second

Screen (1916). Movie studio comedy with Chartie as a stage hand who is given a chance to act. There are the customary pie-

6,10 Sixteen Up: The financial

problems some teenagers face when they leave school. Notting-

ham youngsters are interviewed.

6.35 The Master Game: Round two of the chess championship

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4.28 Touche Turtle: cartoon. Red Riding Hoodlum; 4.25 Jacksmory. Julle Dawn Cole reads part 3 of Dorothy Haas's The Bears Upstairs; 4.40 Take Hart: How to make a futuristic cityscape and an inedible knickerbooker glory.

5.00 John Craven's Newsround: stories the other programmes did not tell; 5.05 Break in the Sun: Part 2 of this serial about a girl who runs away and joins a group of amateur actors who travel by barge; 5.35 The Perishers: comedy, with Leonard Rossier (r).

(r).
5.40 News: with Jan Leeming:
5.55 Regional news magazines. All regions link up for Nationwide at 6.20.
6.55 Triangle: Romantic serial, set on board a passenger ferry. Not recommended. The cast includes an understandably unhappy looking Michael Craig.
7.20 Film: Mr Forbush and the Penguins: (1971) Superbly photographed tale of a young biologist (John Hurt!) who, to impress Hayley Mills, goes to the Antarctic to study penguin life. With Tony Britton. Director: Al Viola.

for the Master Game Trophy be-gins, and Jan Hein Donner of The Netherlands plays Tony Miles of Great Britain.

7.05 Grapevine: Last in the pre-

7.115 Grapevine: Last in the pre-sent series: Helen Hayman looks ar the problems of mental handi-cap, crime prevention and how the deaf and hard of hearing cope with television.

7.35 News: with sub-titles for the

8.15 Ashkenazy and Haitink in Concert: We hear Prokofiev's Classical Symphony (the No 1)

and Bartok's Plano Concerto No 1. Haiduk conducts the Bavarian State Symphony Orchestra.

hard of bearing.

9.00 News: with Kenneth Kendal.
9.25 (Open. Secret: Play the Game.
Sport is becoming more dangerous,
and the programme asks: when
does: keen sperting competition
become violent excess? The reporter is Peter Williams. (See
Persous) Choice.)
9.55 Sportsmight: Highlights from
one of the wind replays to the
Fifth Round of the FA Cap. Harry
Carpenter is the presenter, and
John Motson the commentator.
10.45 Parkinson: The mid-week
edition of Michael Parkinson's
char show. His guests are Goldie
Hawn, Thora Hird and Lieut-Cel.
Blashford-Snell.
11.45 Niews headlines. 11.45 News headlines.

Regions

comedy. Het Lips's new-found fiberation causes problems, and Radar tries: to cope with a pretty Radar tries: to cope wife a prety new nurse, 9.75 Sons and Lowers: Pensitimate episode in Trevor Griffiths's version of the D. H. Lawrence classic. Can be seen again next Samrday night, With Karl Johnson as Paul Movel, Lyno Dearth as Clara, and Ann Hefferman as Sarah Bernhardt.
10.20 God; and the Scientist: Ronald Eyrir asks Evelyn Ebsworth, Professor of Chemistry at Edinburgh University, how chemicals could possibly have a soul. The professor describes his feelings as he looks at a newly created substance nobody has seen before.

before 10.45 Newsnight: The latest news,

7.45 Travellers in Time: Film record of the Trans-China Expedition of 1931 when two groups, one setting out from the Mediterranean and the other from Peking artempted to re-trace the steps of Marco Polo. with detailed coverage of the main stories, Linda Alexander is the news reader, and David Icke hardles the sports coverage. Ends 9.00 M*A*S*H: Korean war at 11.35.

> the serial had a short in the arm (see Personal Choice). 3.90 Film: Rollercoaster (1977) Almostaew Hallywood thriller Amost-new Histywood in Interabout a saboteur who is threatening hundreds of lives at fairgrounds. Strong cast: George
> Segal, Richard W idmark, Timothy
> Bottoms, Susan Strasberg, Henry
> Fonda. Director: James Gold-

RADIO TORRESTORIO

11.00 Study on 4: Digame ! (16). 11.30-12.00 Open University: Theories of Art: Plato; Music Interiude.

Radio 3 6.55 am Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Britten, Handel, Bonperti, Russini, Handel arr Beecham, Arnold, Donizetti, Mussorgsky arr Howarth.
9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Dunstable and Power + and Power.† 9.35 Plano; Schubert and

10.35 Organ: Reger, Bach.† 11.15 Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra: Berlioz, Tchaikovsky, Sibelins.† 105.†
1.05 pm News.
1.05 Song reciral: Brahms,
Postenc, Turina, Satic †
2.80 Test Match Special.
4.05 Wordsworth: The Prelude

2.02 Wignan's Hour.
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3.01 Play: 'Comic's Interlude'
by Stewart Permutt
3.50 Through My Window: Spike
Millsgam (See Personal Choice.)
4.60 Chiwal Evensong from
Ginucester Cathedral;
4.45 Story 'The Towers of Trebizond' (11 %.
5.00 Pve.
6.00 News.
6.30 My Music.;
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archars.
7.20 Checkpoint.
7.45 File on 4.
9.32 Kaledoscopic.
13.00 News. 30 Mozart and the Violia. 4.55 News. 5.06 Mainly for Pleasure.† 7.00 Talk: Dr Ian Campbell on Thomas Carlyle.
7.30 Plano: Schubert.†
7.40 Lippmann Reassessed.
8.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra,
live from Festival Fiall. Part 1:
Zemlinsky.† (See Personal

8.45 File on a.
9.39 Kaleidoscopu'.
19.00 News.
10.39 There Were, Giants In Those
Days (2) Martin Buber.
11.00 A Book as Bedtime: 'The
Harpele Report' (3).
11.15 The Financial World Choice.) 8.59 Six Continents. 9.16 BBC SO. part 2: Beethoven.†
10.00 Blusick's Monument: Gerald Abraham and Stanley Same on writing musical history.† (See Personal Choice.)
10.45 The Cozens Lute Book.†
11.00 News Tonight.
21.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Weather. 11.00 news 11.05 Intermezzi by Brahms.† 11.15-11.30 Test March review.

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5.55 am-6.55 Open University:
Cognitive Psychology; Music interlude; Television and Politics Makers; Something 753 India. About.
18:30 Listen With Mother:
18:45-12:00 Schools: The Music Eox; 11:00 By the People, for the People: Casebook 81; Quest.
2:00 pm-3:00 Schools: Mosement and Drama F; Books, Plays, Poems; Nature. 2.69 pm Music Weekly.† 2.50-4.65 Two pianos: Ligeti, Smalley.† 11.15-11.55 Open University: Measuring Unemployment; Intro-duction to Materials.

Radio 2

N. 2010 L
5.00 am Bob Kilbey.† 7.30 Terry
Wogan.† 10.00 Jimmy Young.†
12.00 David Hamilton.† 2.00 pm Ed
Stewart.† 4.00 Much More Music.†
6.00 John Dunn.† 8.00 Band.† 8.30
Alan Dell.† 9.00 Cricket. 9.30 The
Songwriters.† 10.00 Tony's. 10.30
Peter Skellern. 11.00 Brian
Matthew. 2.00 am- 5.00 You and
the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

KACHO I
5.00 am As Radio 2, 7.00 Mike
Reid, 9.00 Simon Bates, 11.00
Andy Peebles, 12.30 pm Newsbeat,
12.45 Paul Burnett, 2.30 Dave Lec
Travis, 4.30 Steve Wright, 7.00
Radio 1 Mailbag, 8.00 Richard
Skinner, 10.00-12.00 John, Peel, †
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12.00 Cloppa Castle: Mediaeval pupper tale. Sheik Charade.

12.10 pm Rambow: Song about a tent and the story of the dog who ran off with the gypsies.

12.30 About Britain: A proposed sale of Nottinghamshire land that has angered both historians and tenants. With David Richardson.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News.

1.30 Crown Count: the jury reformalist (Cherle Lunghi) accused of setting fire to ber lover's house of setting fire to her lover's house (r).
2.00 After Noon Plus Includes items on working holidays and the latest youthful phenomenon, the Island: with

don Chase: Serial about some brothers who live in a forest. Today: enter the butterfly-catch-ing clergyman (Christopher Big-gins), 5.15 Mr and Mrs: Matri-monial quiz game. With Derek Ratey. Batey 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.25 Help I The dangers that can lurk in our hospitals, 6.35 Cross-roads: Kath Brownlow's flare-up and Marian Owen's scepticism.
7.00 This is Your Life: Sentimental biography, told by Eamonn Andrews. 7.30 Coronation Street:
The chequered romance between Ken Barlow and Deirdre Langton is becoming humdram. It's time

Samantha Eggar as guest actress. Otherwise, best ignored. 3.45 Movie Memories: 'Horror film clips and filmgoers' reministences. With Roy Hudd, Ingrid Pitt. Includes sequences from King Kong and The Bride of Frankenstein. 4.15 Watch TT! A Dr Snuggles story (with Peter Ustinov's voice) and, at 4.26 Rumanound: Quizgame. With Mike Reid. 4.45 Brendon Chase: Serial about some

stone.
10.00 News from ITN. 10.30 A
Long Term Solutie a ? Last night's Long Term Solutie n? Last night's tough TV drama about jimmy Boyle, A Sense of Freedom, Is discussed by polis trians, prison officials, a penal lexpert and the play's producer. Jeremy Issaes (see Personal Chonte).

11.30 US versus The Werld: Lee Trevino and Nick F aldo do barrie at La Manga, in Spain, in the Townsend Thorensein Golf Challenge. Peter Alliss a ind Tony Jack-Un pre the commentators.

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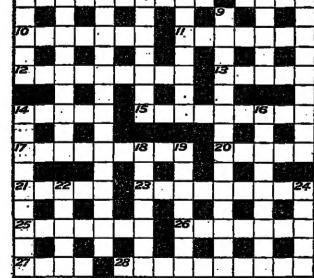
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Lower, Ward, Windsor Capile,
Berka, Foneral service, St., Interes Barta. Funeral service. Star the Commanderium, Wat 1:00 p.m. No other lads and girls all must. As chimney-sweepers, come to dust," 1981 LANGS SUPREME Times National Crossword For an explanation of puzzle No 15,449, the eliminator crossword in the 1981 Langs Supreme Times National Crossword Cham-5.—S.
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ACROSS DOWN 1 A Roman's "hic" when 1 Big fellow puts pep in the drunk with liqueur (10). periodical (5). 6 Poet, Old Rugbeian with 2 How sugar-growers, say, internal degree (4). 10 More needing a bath-beginning to get frostier 3 But it's not so to one suf-

ficiently grasping (8-6).

Enfants terribles in the chamber? Cry of dismay (7). 11 With nothing on, dashed around and was amorous 12 Hoary old fool gets the bird 5 Budding new starter gets a (4, 5). 13 Drunk about—or rather less 7 Painter with little time to catch his impression (5).

than—two pints (5).

14. Simple one in design (5).

15. Dickens devotees (9).

Catch his impression (5).

8 Gets in line again for remedies (9). 17 Was sent on to change the tools (5-4).
20 Approaches left bend (5). 9 Dickens showmen do the country (6, 3, 5). round in brief

21 It's not fitting to sleep in it 14 Attic voet disturbed by a ...(5). 23 Rubbish about doctor gets a 16 A measure of great surprise Al A street-cleaner—namely Alecto? (9). 25 Eunting set back in Algerian port (7?.

Alecto? (9).

18 Prohibition, among other things in the

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things, in the republic (7). port (??.

26 Blackthorn, kind of rummy with drink (4-3).

19 Goy Mannering's dominie a a strong soft-bearted man (?). with Grink (4-3).

27 Pretty large receptacle for scraps (4).

28 Something better beaten 24 Drive forward—the point in a toboggan (5).

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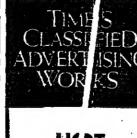
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